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Clinton, PM aim to restart peace

By HILLEL KUTTLER

WASHINGTON - President Bill Clinton and Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu yesterday discussed what Netanyahu described as "very crude and preliminary ideas" on reinvigorating the peace process.

Netanyahu refused to say wbether he made any promises on creating or expanding settlements. I just restated our principles building in Har Homa will continue and building in settlements will continue."

He said he has never negated the possibility of building new settlements, but added that he has made "no decisions on that yet,"

On his proposal to advance the final status talks, Netanyahu said he prefers "to leave these ideas to the US's clarifications. I think that US had a real interest in advancing the idea. I recommend leaving it to them for maneuvering room." Following their two-hour meet-

ing, Netanyahu told Israeli reporters he had not yet given Clinton a firm response on the ideas raised, but hopes the conditions will be ripe for the talks to

Netanyahu stated that the US agrees with the Israeli position that the Palestinians must fight against terrorism in a manner that is "not sporadic, but continuous."

Prior to their meeting, Clinton was asked about Netanyahu's remarks before a Christian-Jewish group, Voices United for Israel. that Israel would not make certain gestures to the Palestinians like opening a safe passage or air and

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sea ports simply to he free of ter-

"I agree that freedom from terrorism is something that no one should have to purchase. I think it should be a pre-condition. We have to have a secure environment, and terror is wrong," Clinton said, "Having said that, I think then the question is how do we actually have an honorable negotiating process which will lead to a peace that the parties can fully, indeed, wboleheartedly

Clinton also called a Camp David-like summit with Netanyahu and Arafat "premature... until we can get this thing back on track again... I wouldn't rule out anything, but I think It's important that we not put form over substance here. We need to know where we are going."

Israeli officials said afterward that both Israel and the US agree that if terrorism continues, plans for the next steps in negotiations will be rendered meaningless.

"I will be the first to bless a change by the Palestinians. We want to see if the steps taken are real and meaningful. We cannot have a negotiation while terror is ongoing," Netanyahu said.

The Clinton-Netanyahu meeting lasted twice as long as scheduled, with Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and the prime minister's adviser Dore Gold participating in the first half, followed by a oneon-one meeting of the leaders.

Netanyahu insisted that no pressure was applied at yesterday's

Netanyahu and Albright were also due to meet last night, prior to his departure, to discuss whether the time is right for her first visit to the region, Prior to the White House meet-

ing, US special Middle East coordinator Dennis Ross told the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) that "neither the US nor anyone else is going to impose an outcome here. He added that the US has to find

a way to "reinvigorate that core understanding" of Palestinian autonomy in exchange for elimi-

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PM Binyamin Netanyahu shakes hands with US President Bill Clinton during their meeting in the Oval Office yesterday. (Renter)

Doley man shoots two Palestinians after his car was stoned

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH and JON MMANUEL

A resident of Doley, north of Ramallah, shot and wounded two Palestinians in the village of Harbata, after his car was hit by

stones there yesterday morning.
According to Judea and Samaria Police spokesman Opher Sivan, police arrested the father of five after he returned home early yesterday evening. They confiscated his car and his M-16 rifle. Sivan said the man, whose name

of Ramallah, when stones were thrown at his car. He got out and fired a warning shot in the air, then continued driving.

One hundred meters further along, his car was stoned again. The man fired at the stone throwers from the right-hand side win-dow and continued driving. Iyad Salah Hamuda, 23, was shot in the chest and was in serious condition at Ramallah Hospital last night; his friend, Jamal Ibrahim Salah,

has not been released, was driving through Harbata, on the outskirts through Harbata, on the outskirts through through Harbata, on the outskirts through the control of the Sidbon, Salah did not suffer gunshot wounds, but fell when running to aid Hamuda.

Shortly after the incident, IDF troops and police arrived to investigate the shooting.

Residents of Harbata claim a settler known to them drove into the village and started firing shots. They claim that Hamuda and Salah were walking along the road and had nothing to do with the

Ahmed Mahdi said the settler entered the village at 8:30 a.m., as schoolchildren were returning home after finding their teachers were on strike. When they saw the settler, they began throwing stones. The settler got out of his car, knelt on one knee, and opened fire above their heads. They all dropped to the ground to protect

themselves. Mahdi said he then got back into his car and drove on. His car was

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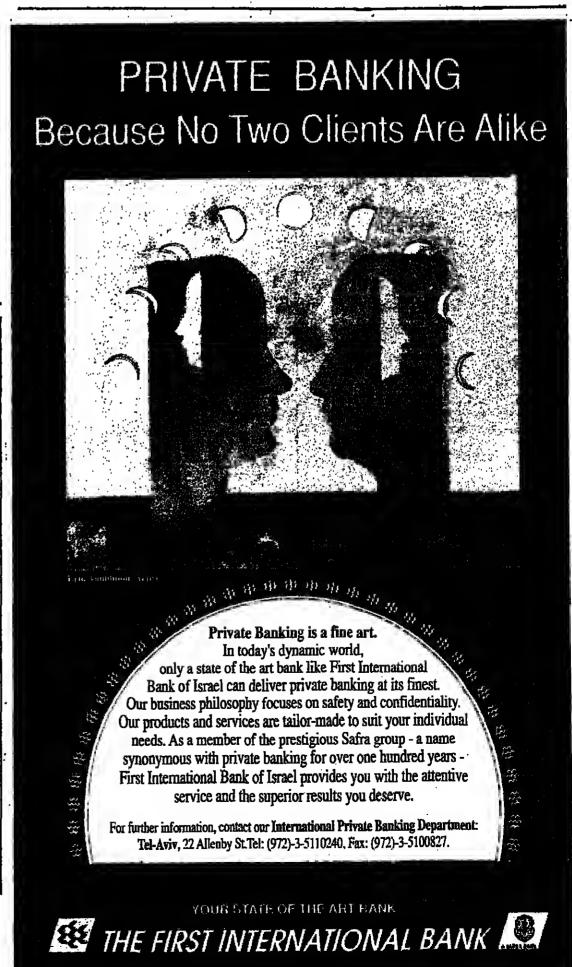
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NEWS

22 lightly hurt when bus overturns

Twenty-two passengers were lightly injured when a driver on Egged Bus No. 400 going from Givatayim to Jerusalem lost control of the bus near the Ganot Junction, and the bus skidded and overturned on the shoulder.

Three MDA ambulances and two mobile intensive care units took the injured to Sheba and Assaf Harofeh hospitals. As a result of the accident, the road was closed for a time, causing traffic jams.

Shortly after the bus accident and only a few dozen meters away, a chain collision occurred after a truck hit two cars. Four people suffered light injuries.

Israeli Arab beauty queen named

Rozana Algus Shahin, 16, of Ma'alot-Tarshiha, is the 1997 Israeli Arab beauty queen. She is a singer and a music enthusiast. After winning the contest Sunday night, Shahin expressed hope that next year there would be a joint Arah-Jewish beauty contest. Jerusalem Post Staff



Rozana Algus

2 injured in bus stonings in eastern Jerusalem

Two passeogers suffered light injuries when two buses were sioned near the Old City's Damascus Gate yesterday. The stones hroke windows on both huses, No. 13 and No. 174, and two passengers suffered injuries from broken glass. Police launched searches for the perpetrators, but did not arrest any suspects.

In another incident yesterday, a driver was lightly injured by broken glass when his car was stoned as he exited the tunnel road oear Jerusalem's Gilo neighborhood.

Uzbekistan upgrades diplomatic mission

Uzbekistan has decided to upgrade its diplomatic mission here to an embassy, visiting Foreign Minister Abdel Aziz Kamilov said yesterday, after a working lunch with Foreign Minister David Levy. He also announced that Uzbek President Islam Karimov would pay an official visit later this year, and the two signed an agreement on cultural cooperation.

Islamic Jihad threatens more attacks

Islamic Jihad said yesterday they would carry out more sui-cide attacks against Jewish settlers in response to the construction of a Har Homa in southeastern Jerusalem.

"Zionist settlers, no matter where io our Palestinian land, will not be safe from our weapons and our buman bombs," the Islamic Jihad group said in a leaflet sent to news organizations. The leaflet was signed, Kassam, the name of Islamic Jihad's

PA police apprehend car thieves

The Palestinian Police helped capture two men suspected of stealing dozens of Israeli cars and transferring them to the terrilories in exchange for weapons, it was revealed in Haifa Magistrate's Court yesterday, when the two were remanded for



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May you be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem

Islamic List wins Hebron U. election

By JON IMMANUEL

Supporters of the Islamic list at Hebron University whooped "Allahu Akbar" and threw candies when it won the student council elections yesterday, but supporters of Yasser Arafat were also sileotly pleased they hadn't done even worse.

The election, the first at the university under Palestinian Authority rule, gave the combined Hamas-Islamic Jihad list 53 percent of the vote and the pro-Arafat Fatah (the Shabiba) 40%. A list supporting the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine woo 3%. Other votes went to smaller groups or were invalid.

Its absolute majority means that the Islamic List takes complete control of the 11-seat council. For the past three years, there had been an Islam-dominated joint council. Seats in the larger general assem-bly are divided 19, 15, and one for the

not about studeot problems. Most students the peace process fails, it will be very diffidisagree with the peace process, including myself." Nimr said oothing bad changed, despite the fact that 80% of Hebron is now in the hands of the PA. "Two weeks ago a friend of mine lost four teeth when an Israeli soldier's rubber bullet hit him in the .mouth.

The situation looked so bad for Fatah three days ago that the Shabiba brought in popular local Palestinian Council member Mohammed Hourani. He gave a rousing speech to great applause, but did not try to persuade students that the peace process was worthwhile.

"If the Oslo agreement means surrender," Hourani said, "it can go to hell."

"I am upset to see that the factions did not address student issues. The slogans were really very radical. In two weeks, I think we will see American flags hurning on this campus," said Dr. Nabil Abu Zneid, the uni-PFLP, 1,322 valid votes were cast.

For Khalil Nimr and everyone else, "This election was about the political situation, gradual building up of support for Islam. If

cult to repair it."

Hamas has done well in a series of recent elections, winning the staff union ballot at An-Najah university in Nablus two weeks ago for the first time, and 65% of the vote at the Hebron Polytechnic. It won engineer association elections in the West Bank and Gaza, and later this week, it is the turn of students at Bir Zeit University to have their

As Abu Zneid spoke on the second floor of the main campus building, a few young men knelt down in the university quadrangle for afternoon prayers. They were joined by more young men and still more, until they filled up half the area, a compact mass next to dozens of scattered shabiba with no

unifying message.

Mohammed Abduallah, a fourth year Arabic literature student and one of the Islamic candidates, said there is oo plan to Islamize the university, which despite common percepoons, and its women students covered heads, is not an Islamic college. "But we cannot ignore the circumstances.

There is still occupation." All election posters were to have been taken down on election day, but several remained, including pictures of Arafat and of Islamic Jihad martyrs, those assassinated and those who blew themselves up in bus bombings. A leaflet issued in the name of Islamic Jihad yesterday threatened more suicide attacks, and its timing on election

day cannot be ruled out. Abdel Jabber Abu Sneineh, a second year bosiness administration candidate, had resigned himself, before results were declared, to a 40% Farah share of the vote. "What can 1 say 1 support the peace process, but Oslo is difficult to defend these

How much does the student election reflect general attitudes? A poll conducted by a Hebron University professor last week in the Jerusalem, Bethlehem, and Hebron areas showed only 40% in favor of continued negotiations with Israel, a drastic drop from earlier polls.

B'Tselem blasts Israel's 'deportation' of Jerusalem Arabs

Human rights group says housing shortage forces departure

By JON IMMANUEL

The B'Tselem buman rights organization yesterday accused the Israeli governments over the past 18 months of implementing a policy which takes away the right to live in Jerusalem from hundreds or thousands of Palestinians wbo were born there.

The Interior Ministry countered B'Tselem's charges, contained a report released yesterday, with a 20-page transcript of High Court proceedings coocerning a case brought by a Palestinian resident of Jerusalem. In that case the Palestinian was considered a "permanent resident" under the Law of Entry into Israel and oothing

Noting that Jerusalem residents have the right to apply for Israeli citizenship, the Interior Ministry statement said, "those who have not taken citizenship fall under the regulations concerning all other permanent residents (Americans, Russians, English etc.) who live in the state of Israel."

B'Tselem's 43-page report, entitled "The Quiet Deportation," says that "Viewing East Jerusalem residents as foreigners who entered Israel is perplexing since it was Israel that entered East Jerusalem in 1967. The perception of East Right-wing activists, including the Women in Green, demonstrate opposite the American Consulate in Jerusalem yesterday to protest against pressure being applied by President Bill Clinton on Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu during their meeting yesterday.

(Brian Hendler) Jerusalem's residents as immigrants residing in their bomes pursuant to the beneficence of Israel and not by right is the 'original sin,' which curreotly enables the

authorities to deport them from their homes.

The Interior Ministry's position has meant that any Jerusalem resident who has moved out of the city for seven years automatically loses his right of residence in the city. This means he loses bis Jerusalem ideotity card, which enables him to enter Jerusalem to

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The reason wby thousands of Jerusalem Arabs have chosen to live outside the city borders is inany case not voluntary, but the result of Israeli building policies. "In comparison with the massive construction for the Jewish population few buildings were con-structed for Palestinians," B'Tselem ootes. Some 64,870 dwellings were boilt mostly by public construction for Israelis and 8,890 for Palestinians, most by private construction, it says.

"As a result of this policy the housing shortage among the Palestinian population currently exceeds 20,000 bousing units. This has also raised Jerusalem rental prices in Arab areas.
The Interior Ministry estimates

that 600 Palestinians bave lost their Israeli identity cards by living outside Jerusalem or by taking foreign, often US, citizen-

B'Tselem estimates that 70,000. Palestinians with Israeli identity cards live outside Jerusalem and therefore could lose their residency rights.

ANALYSIS

Israel-PA gap forces US to fill the void

By MARK HELLER

One of the less edifying aspects of Bill Clinton's presidency has been his practice of hosting guests in the White House in return for contributions. It is not clear that any exception was made for Minister Binyamin Netanyahu.

Netanyahu didn't have to pay to get in, but there was surely a price for getting out. It hasn't been revealed yet, but it presumably involves some kind of response to Clinton's statement that the purpose of the meeting was "where we're going" and to work out an

'agreed-upon destination." The reason this response can be described as a "price" is that it is the sort of thing an Israeli prime minister should ideally work out with his government colleagues, the Israeli public, and his Arab oegotiating partners, rather than with the president of the United

In fact, one of the few instincts all Israeli governments have shared since 1967 has been to engage the Arabs directly and to minimize the involvement of outsiders, including the United States, on the assumption that bilateral negotiations may produce, not only better terms, hut also - and even more importantly - a firmer commitment hy both parties to whatever agreement is

Of course, it has never been possible to do without the US, especially at the point at which principles had to be translated into concrete arrangements. But one of the major accomplishments of previous governments was the ability to negotiate with Arab partners while limiting the American role to one of active support.

One of the major shortcomings of this government has been its inability to continue to do this with the Palestinians. After the violence that followed the opening of the Western Wall tunnel exit, the US, against its own better judgment, was forced to shift from facilitator to mediator. That is certainly the most charitable description of a country whose ambassador hosted the Hebron negotiations in his home and whose peace process coordinator took three calls from Netanyahu during the cabinet debate on the next stage of redeployment.

The dispute over Har Homa may force the US to shift roles again, this time from mediator to arbitrator. That is clearly implied by those American editors and analysts who have been urging the administration to do precisely what Clinton now says he wants to do: work out where we're going."

Administration spokesmen and others repeatedly insist that this does oot mean pressure on Israel or an imposed settlement. What it does mean, bowever, is the prospect of a more explicit definition than ever of what the US thinks a final-status agreement should look like. This will not be the same as Netanyahu's definition of what the final-status agreement should look like, and efforts by Israel and others to shape that definition will inevitably lead to tensions.

But in this struggle, Israel should still enjoy some built-in advantages, like a sympathetic Jewish community able to influ-

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and a prime minister who has

spent almost as much time in

America as in Israel and who is

supposed to understand the US

All the more surprising, then, that

Netanyahu has gratuitously insult-

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Judaism and thus risked alienating

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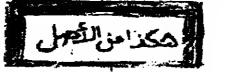
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Like many top secret installations around

the world, affect those in spy thrillers, Israel Aircraft highestries' Malam missile plant in Be'er Ya'aoov is maked into a residential

One drives past the plant, whose anonymi-

ty was shattered by Sunday's fire there, with-

out taking notice. True, there is a well pro-

tected gate, and double rows of barbed wire fence, but the factory's offices fronting the road look no different then any number of

other innocuous buildings. The plant itself is

hidden by rows of giant encalyptus trees.
Yet yesterday, this plant was variously billed in the newspapers as the "secret missile plant," and "IAI's most secret factory."

So secret, in fact, that Yoav Rafael, the Be'er

Ya'acov Local Council head, had never been

inside the plant, only the offices, until last

And this is something that Rafael is intent

on changing. The fire, which caused one slight injury, has led some of the 7,000 resi-

dents of Be'er Ya'acov - just west of Lod -

to wonder what is being produced a few hun-

dred meters from their doors, and whether it

Foreign press reports say the plant is where

the Arrow and Jericho missiles are being pro-

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Fire shattered anonymity

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Few in the country, except perhaps those who read Jane's Defense Weekly, would have

known that, had it not been for Sunday's fire.

Sensitive installations such as these seem to

come to the publics attention only following

The sensitivity of the plant was not a com-

"The plant is so secret, no one knows what's going on inside, and that worries me," Rafael said. "I am very concerned, because it

sits in the heart of a town I am responsible

for. Since no one has told me what to do in

case of a disaster, or what type of material is

being handled, I am worried. I have no con-

Rafael has sent a telegram to Defeose

Minister Yitzhak Mordechai demanding a

meeting to discuss the matter. He said that if

he gets no satisfaction, the town will strike

for a couple of hours tomorrow, and a strug-

what is going on inside, but one person in the

town has to know what to do in case of a dis-

The fire, which was reported to have been

caused by a welder working in a storehouse

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IN CONTEXT

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An investigating committee yesterday

began looking into the cause of the fire,

which reportedly caused millions of dollars

Across from the plant, in an up-scale

oeighborhood of large houses and barking

dogs, resident Yoram Lev said that had he

known what was inside the plant, be might

have thought twice before moving into the

But now, he said, "It doesn't overly con-cern me. I imagine that the Defense

Ministry knows the plant is in the middle of

a residential district, and has taken the pre-

Gal, who was born in this now sprawling town which still retains a rural feel. The fire

scared me at first, but then they said it was

nothing, so I stopped worrying."

Another veteran Be'er Ya'acov resident,

Nissim Avraham, who is retired from IAI's

Lod plant, said he does not think the local

council head should have knowledge of what

clenching his fist to illustrate just how oght.

"No one should know what is going on there;

you can't trust anyone in this country."

This must be a tight secret," he said,

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What are we going to do," said Moshe

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Arafat calls for UN emergency session

Secretary-General: It is quite possible

NEW DELHI (AP) - Following an appeal by Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat, the UN secretary general said yesterday the General Assembly may meet in an emergency session to discuss

the Middle East deadlock. Arafat said he sought a meeting of the General Assembly because the United States had vetoed two Security Council resolutions in 10 days that were cridcal of Israel

Secretary-General Kofi Annan, attending a meeting of Nonaligned Movement countries in the Indian capital, said "it is quite possible" that the assembly would convene in special session.

'Arafat's request has been circulated among member-states," he told a news conference after he addressed the foreign ministers' conference, Half the United Nations members must agree before the assembly can be summoned to an



emergency meeting, he said. Arafat, a surprise speaker at the same conference, earlier accused Israel of declaring war on the Palestinians and on the peace process. He urged the meeting to

support his call for a General

Assembly meeting to consider action to force Israel to abide by

Arafat, speaking as Prime Mioister Binyamin Netanyahn was in the United States for talks with US President Bill Clinton made no mention of the Israeli demand that he take tough steps to end terrorist operations against

Israelis. He denounced Israel's heightened security measures and its plan to build a new housing project in southeastern Jerusalem.

The Israeli aggressive measures and acts, its right security measures, and the military mobilization imposed on Palestinian lands are equal to a declaration of war, not only on the Palestinian people but also on the peace process," Arafat told the representatives of the 113-mem-

IDF: Home sealing deters terror

and Itam

OC Home Front Command Maj.-Geo. Shmuel Arad said yesterday the High Court of Justice should reject a petition by four families of Hamas terrorists against his order to seal their homes, since this serves as a deterrent to future attacks.

In an affidavit to the court, Arad said his move against the families of the four terrorists - who were involved in assisting and planning the suicide bombings in Ashkelon and Jerusalem last year - would act to deter the terror organizations from carrying out additional attacks. He said there have been warn-

be carried out by the various terror Arad noted that only the parts of the family homes in which the terrorists lived would be sealed off and the structures would not be

ings of impending terror attacks to

destroyed, in order not to harm others in the buildings. The four terrorists are eastern Jerusalem residents who provided the suicide bombers with Israeli identity cards, vehicles, and use of their bomes to carry oot the

Without this assistance, said, the terror attacks would not able to bring it "to manageable us."

have occurred, since the suicide bombers were all residents of the territories who were barred from entering Israel.

Meanwhile, a terror expert said yesterday that the question about terrorism is not "if it's going to happen, but when it's going to

Prof. Yonah Alexander, director of the Washington-based Inter-University Center for Terrorism Studies, was speaking at a news conference along with former ambassador to the US Zalman Shoval and former Labor MK Shimon Shetreet.

Alexander said that in the future the international community will need to cope with three types of terrorism: primitive terrorism, such as stone-throwing and suicide bombings; spectacular terrorism, such as the World Trade Center bombing; and super-terrorism, which includes biological, chemical, and nuclear

"We have to think in terms of tens of thousands, hundreds of thousands, maybe even millions [of casualties]," he said, at the same time warning that panic is the wrong response.

"Only a united international struggle against terrorism will be

According to the center, the Middle East ranks third in regional terrorism and Israel ranks 13th in countries that suffer from ter-

Shetreet, asserting that "terrorism can pose a strategic threat both on local and international levels," caudoned that Israel has, over the past 20 years, upset the balance of liberty and security, thereby leading to lapses in security, such as the Bus 300 affair and the Rabin assassination.

Shoval said that in light of recent terrorism in Israel, there cannot be parallel tracks of oegooation and terrorism in the Israeli-Palestinian peace process

Had the recent foiled bombing attack in Netzarim succeeded in taking the lives of dozens of school children, he said, the peace process would have been damaged beyond repair.

Calling the Palestinian leadership "short-sighted and irresponsible," Shoval rejected the possibility of any comparisoo between construction at Har Homa and Palestinian terrorism. "The Palestinians will have to make up their minds," he insisted, "Do they want to live in peace with us or do they not want to live in peace with

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Peace Now activists dump ice near the settlement of Sha'arei Tikva, to illustrate their demand for a freeze on construction in the territories.

to melt," he said. Meanwhile, the settlement of Eli announced that 42 homes had an additional 150 units that the permits in 1992.

process that has already started been sold there in recent weeks. settlement just got government

According to the settlement's approval to sell. These units, secretary, Dov Odeser, there are said Odeser, received building

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New 'Jewish values' political group launched people, and for the state to be some 150 people, called for an voiced barbed criticism of reli-

By LIAT COLLINS

est gimmick, Slomiansky said that rather than representing a

freeze on settlements, ice eventually melts into water, seeps

into the ground and waters the

plants that will eventually grow.

That is how I envisage the

current settlement freeze: It's a

Last night's inaugural meeting of a new social-political movement at Jerusalem's Beit Agron started late to allow the men the finish evening prayers.

This set the tone for the meeting in which the Jewish Leadership Movement was officially born.

The guiding priociples behind the movement, according to Prof. Hillel Weiss, are based on the precept of "all Jews are responsible for one another," and of taking the initiative to create change based on Jewish

All of speakers stressed the

name. "We are not a religious movement," said Motti Karpel. "We were not founded to demand more funds for yeshivot or a specific sector, but to establish a leader for the whole Jewish peo-

He said the movement hopes to field a candidate in the next elec-

Karpel denied that the move-

Eddie Lahavi, a non-religious

ment is right wing, although the gathering was attended by several people who have been held in administrative detention for rightist activities.

need for unity among the Jewisb Jew, who addressed the crowd of

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Education Minister Hammer refuses to rule out award to journalist

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN and Itim

Education Minister Zevulun Hammer yesterday refused to rule out going ahead with awarding the Israel Prize for Journalism to Ma'ariv columnist Shmuel Schnitzer, provided Schnitzer states clearly that remarks made about Ethiopian immigrants in a column were not intended to hurt "an entire community which is very important to us.'

In the August 1994 column, entitled "Importing Death," Schnitzer referred to Ethiopian immigrants as "thousands of apostates carrying dangerous dis-

Earlier, President Ezer Weizman told Schnitzer he would not award him the prize unless he apologized for or retracted the remarks.

According to Arye Shumer, director-general of Beit Hanassi, Schnitzer told Weizman that he would not retract the remarks, and "if the result is that I must give up the prize, I will give it up.

Weizman then responded: "So you've given it up." He then called Hammer to inform him of the conversacion.

"For now, Mr. Schnitzer has given up the prize. His article was very problematic, and it's a shame that it was published," Weizman

However, in an interview yesterday with Israel Radio, Schnitzer insisted: "I didn't give it up, the

prize was taken away from me."
"The president attached a condition to this prize, and I don't accept prizes with conditions attached. I rejected the condition, so I don't have a prize."

Asked why he wasn't willing to apologize, Schnitzer said: "I'm not sorry about a single word I wrote, and I'm not prepared to

"I think in order to be sorry, you need to feel regret, and I don't regret it," he added.

In the interview, Schnitzer indicated that he only opposed bringing Ethiopians he believes are not Jews - an apparent reference to the Falash Mura - to Israel. He said that they were the ones who carried the diseases he said also ruled out their being allowed to enter under the Law of Return.

"I lived a long time without the Israel Prize, and I suppose I'll survive a few more years without it,"

But Schnitzer also said last night that he would relate to the whole cootroversy in his column on Friday in Ma'ariv. "If this will help or not, this is what I will do," he said.

Hammer told Israel Radio he was "sorry about the whole affair," and said he had been unaware of the "very problematic" column. He said he had asked Schnitzer to make a clarifying statement and "I understand he is ready to do this."



Zevulun Hammer

'I very much hope he will do so," Hammer said. He asked that Schnitzer be given some time to do so, adding: "The prize isn'i being awarded tonight." The Israel Prizes are presented annually on Independence Day.
Labor MK Adisu Massala had

petitioned the High Court of Jusoce yesterday morning against Schnitzer's receiving the prize, ciong what he called the "racist"

He asked that the prize commit-tee reconsider its decision, noting that Press Council ethics panel had ruled Schnitzer had violated journalistic ethics by publishing the column. Such a person is not worthy of receiving such a prize, he argued in the petition.

Massala said he was later told hy Weizman that "Schnitzer gave up the prize."

Massala praised the president for his intervention, but criticized

Hammer for not doing more about the matter. He said he would continue to pursue the petition to ensure that Schnitzer did oot receive the prize at some other

He called yesterday's developments "a triumph for all of Israeli society," but said the Ethiopian community would cootinue to fight "all the Schnitzers who have oot yet come forward."

Officer who slighted Ethiopian soldier faces dismissal

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

Maj. Michael Valitzkin, who tried to prevent an Ethiopian-born soldier from receiving medical treatment and told him the clinic was 'off-limits to kushim [blacks]," faces dismissal from the army.

Valitzkin was severely reprimanded for the January incident, but the public outcry over the slur has prompted the army to review Valitzkin's position in the IDF.

Northern Command has ordered Valitzkin, a hrigade ordnance officer on the Golan Heights, to report to the military committee that reviews contracts. It will determine whether he will continue to serve in the IDF, the army said.

The army said that the hearing will be a "clarification" of the inci-

· Valitzkin, an immigrant from the former Soviet Union, has said he was on friendly terms with Cpl. Avi Asemare and ooly made the comments in jest. Asemare, however, was deeply insulted and so hurt he didn't even bother to file a complaint. A complaint was filed

Asemare met with Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu last week. and the incident hrought the IDF leadership to publicly declare its appreciation and support for the Ethiopian immigrant soldiers.

Doctors advise gene tests for fatal heart defect

By JUDY SIEGEL

Tragedies such as the sudden death of a Hapoel Taiba soccer player Wahib Ibara can be prevented if families carrying defective genes for cardiomyopathies are identified through genetic and physical tests, according to a senior Bikur Holim Hospital cardiologist. Prof. Andre Keren, associate head

of the Jerusalem hospital's cardiology department, said cardiologists here have established the Israeli Shared Action for the Advancement of Research of Cardiomyopathies

He said that most of his counterparts around the country have agreed to establish a privacy-protected com-puterized data base listing all those who have died of the condition and to encourage collaborative research

on cardiomyopathies.

Keren said that it was agreed Bikur Holim would coordinate the project, which has applied to the Health Ministry's chief scientist's office for a grant. He estimated that the project would cost hundreds of thousands of shekels and need support from sports organizations and various foundations as well.

Jbara, the 23-year-old soccer play-er from Hapoel Taiba who died sud-

denly on Friday, was apparently an example of the one in 500 Israelis suffering from the hereditary condition. Only the minority die of it at a young age (from teens through their 30s), said Prof. Eran Leitersdorf, an internal medicine specialist at Hadassah-University Hospital.

The four genes responsible for sudden death in people under the age of 35 or 40 due to cardiomyopathies (defects in the heart muscle) were discovered only in the last few years. Since testing is expensive, mass screening is impractical, requiring attention to focus on families in which such incidents have occurred.

For the project to succeed, families of victims should be encouraged to agree to all post mortem examinations to determine the exact cause of death and test for the genes, and then, if positive, the families should

be tested, according to Keren.
If an individual is identified as suffering from the genetic problem, it is often possible to prevent death with regular examinations and treat-

Since sportsmen are very often the victims of sudden death due to their massive physical efforts, sports organizations should be interested in contributing to the establishment of the ISAAC project, Keren said.

Negev residents want dump site cleaned up

Rabin puppet speaks up

Ramat Hovay poses a danger to public health, and must be cleaned up, modernized, and made accountable to one of the area's local or regional councils, Negev residents demanded yesterday, at a Beersheha press conference that opened a campaign to reform management of the

According to members of the action committee, headed by Ramat Negev Regional Council chairman Shmuel Rifman, the dump is now under the auspices of an "industrial regional council" that is independent of any

Last Friday night's Hartzufim

saw the return of Yitzhak Rabin's voice, albeit from the throat of a puppet of his wife Leah. But Tuvia

Tzafir, the voice-man for Rabin in

the past, kept his mouth shut, refusing to imitate his voice for

In the skit, the puppet of Leah Rahin is sitting at a cafe, ordering

food. "Yitzkak would have wanted

a cheese cake; Yitzhak would have

wanted black coffee without

as his political heir, Leah goes into

a deep trance and the voice of her

late husband emerges from her

throat. "I see Ehud Barak as the

bearer of my torch," the voice says.

Tzafir, who maintained that the

When asked whom Rabin wanted

sugar," she tells the waiter.

"personal reasons."

elected and accountable entity. Beersheba city manager Yossi

Sheli told reporters that when a chemical leak occurred at the site last month, a Ramat Hovav worker who is a friend of his called him and advised him to "take the children and flee to Tel Aviv," for fear the leak would endanger Beersheba residents. Workers at the site were able to limit the chemical's spread, however, and damage was mioi-

Some 50,000 tons of toxic organic and non-organic waste reach Ramat Hovav every year.

skit was in bad taste and should

This demonstrates irreverence

After the sketch was written by

Hartzufim's four-person team, it went through a council of seven

others before being giveo the

Responding to comments by Tzafir and director Roni Ninyu.

both of whom were allowed to refuse participation in the pro-gram, chief writer Efraim Sidon

insisted, "We are a mirror of what

happens; we do not create things.

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Arab, Israeli kindergarten children set peaceful example

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

While US President Bill Clinton was husy trying to impress the need to share upon Israeli and Palestinian leaders, four-year-olds Itai, Famuz, Shani, Tomer, Majaz, and Bashra, of Jerusalem's Peace Kindergarten, were showing they had already learned that lesson.

The Israeli and Palestinian youngsters were all lined up and sharing the lyrics of a song, as they awaited visitors from Switzerland and elsewhere to celehrate the inauguracon of their unusual kindergarten in the capital's YMCA yesterday.

Since opening at the beginning of the school year, the kindergarten, which has 24 children. evenly divided between Jews and Arabs, has been busy teaching the youngsters to "know the other," director Dafna Bassewitch-Ginzburg explained.

The children learn both Arabic and Hehrew, about each other's there are differences, but many things in common," she said.

"What's also great is the interaction of the parents," she added, which includes home visits and a bilingual workshop featuring parents involved in storytelling and arts and crafts, "so the parents learn about the other culture."

The kindergarten is decorated with cut-out animals marked with the children's names in Hehrew and Arabic, along with their birthdates, while in another part of the classroom, railroad cars bearing the names of the months in Hehrew and Arabic are tacked to the wall.

Sidon added that the program will continue to use Rahin's voice Terrorist incidents impact on the youngsters, but the kindergarten staff tries its best to explain such



Two of the four-year-olds at Jerusalem's Peace Kindergarten prepare to go for a spin yesterday.

attacks in the spirit of coexistence that pervades its work. "It has an initial impact of pain;

we feel the pain, but we deal with it by expressing that there are good people and had people, and that we try to reach understanding and peace, and coexistence," said Etty Yitzhakoff. one of the teach-

The youngsters treat each other with "tolerance and acceptance. They've learned to open their minds to different languages, smells, and tastes, and have learned to accept. I think they're much more open than other children," she said.

"They have learned and are learning to be much more tolerant, to accept each other, and to learn that there's really no difference

between children. Echoing ber teacher's words, Shani shared a giggle with Tomer, who said, There should be no

Yazam held up four fingers to tell how old he was hefore adding: We're all the same."

The opening of the kindergarten was made possible by Jerusalem Foundation funds as part of its efforts to increase its involvement in promoting Jewish-Arab coexistence in Jerusalem, and by a contribution from the Friends of the Jerusalem Foundation in Geneva. and the Friends of Janusz Korczak Bo

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Association of Switzerland. The success of this year's first class has led to plans to open two such kindergarten classes next

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IDF, SLA officers enjoy day on Hermon ski slopes

By DAVID RUDGE

Senior IDF and South Lebanese Army officers eojoyed a hreak from the dangers of life in the security zone yesterday with a day of fun on Mt. Hermon.

Dozens of officers, led by the

head of the IDF's Lehanese Liaison Unit, Brig.-Gen. Eli Amitai, spent the day touring the snow-capped peak

They were given hriefings on the geography and history of the area and spent the rest of the day being hosted by the staff of the Mt. Hermon ski site

We took them for rides on our Sno-Cats and Arabic-speaking instructors gave them some skiing lessons, while those who could already ski eojoyed the slopes. All the time they were here, it snowed," said ski site manager Eli

Sagron. "It is the first time in the 25 years that I have been around here that I have seen snow falling on the mouotain in April, as if it was January," said Rami Khalfon, operations manager at

the ski site. The late winter has saved the site from what appeared to be a

looming financial disaster.

The skiing season normally. starts at the end of December or the beginning of January and lasts through to the middle or end of March," said Khalfon. This year something unusual happened. The weather during

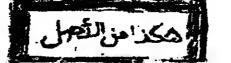
January was dry - there was no snow and no winter. The season only began in the second week of February." Since then, however, the situa-

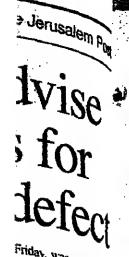
tion has turned around, with over 250,000 visitors to the site in the past eight weeks, despite fewer kiers than in previous years. We oced at least 200,000 visi-

tors to break-even and cover our investments, so at least we have earned a bit of profit," said Khalfon

The late winter has also proved a booo for the country's water resources. - Mekorot: officials. reported that the level of water in Lake Kinneret has risen 1:14 meters from its lowest point last

autumn and is continuing to go up. The water level is oow just over 2.50 m. above the minimum level, below which it is not allowed to drop, and just under 1.60 m. from maximum.





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Astronauts hold a press conference aboard the space shuttle Columbio yesterday in reaction to NASA's decision to have them

NASA space mission cut short

get through 15 percent of the tests by the time the seven astronauts closed the shuttle's lab-

The crew was supposed to study fire, met-

als, crystals and plants during a 16-day flight,

but NASA canceled those plans because the

voltage in one of three electricity-producing

fuel cells continued to drop. The potentially

The decision left the astronauts with just 2 1/2 days io the lab before a landing this after-ooon. They had been scheduled to come

The researchers said they will push to get

Shottle commander James Halsell Jr. said

that as soon as the fuel cell was shut down, he

had the crew review all the emergency proce-

dures - just in case one of the two other

felt we were in imminent danger — certainly

oot," Halsell said. "But on the other hand, we

want to be prepared for the oext possible fail-

"I don't want to convey the opinion that we

electricity-producing fuel cells failed.

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sors for the future international space station

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tal after the blast.

streets, mostly near Tio Oo's home in an elite residendal neighborhood. Armed troops and police stood on many streets although they were not seen stopping

Rebel chief arrives in Zaire diamond capital

MBUII-MAYI - Rebel leader Laurent Kabila arrived in victory in Zaire's diamond capital yesterday to a smaller popular welcome but with the prospect of mining wealth to finance his war against President Mobutu Sese Seko.

Hundreds of resideots turned ont at Mbuji-Mayi airport to greet Kabila who flew in from the eastern eity of Goma. Hundreds on the streets shouted sup-

port as he drove into the city.

The central region of Kasai, with its capital MbujiMayi, is the homeland of veteran opposition leader Etienne Tshisekedi, who last week offered ministry posts to rebels but was rebuffed.

About 2,000 people who had gathered at Mbuji-Mayi airport left before Kabila arrived with a heavy escort of bodyguards.

The turnout was smaller than the thousands who met him on his first visit to the northeastern capital of Kisangani, the center for a failed government

Counter-offensive in January.

"Kisangani was a psychological victory because it was believed that would be our Waterloo. It was the beginning of a certain confidence in our war," said rebel justice commissioner Mwenze Kongolo. "Mbuji-Mayi is not such a hig psychological victory but it is still important in money terms because we have deprived Mobius of his power to fight us."

Kabila said before leaving his rebel headquarters at Goma in the east that US troops on Zaire's border pose a threat to his country.

They could move in at any time. They don't rec-

ognize the sovereignty of our people," be said. "For us it is a threat to our territorial integrity. Kabila's forces have taken control of the eastern

third of Zaire during their seven-month campaign to oust dictator Mobutu Sese Seko. Kahila also said there should be no internacional

intervention in Zaire. About 1,200 US, Belgian, French and British sol-

diers forces have set up camp in Brazzaville, Congo. across the Zaire River from the Zairian capital of Kinshasa, in case Westerners have to be evacuated. The US warship Nassau is also stationed off the coast of the central African nation, with about 1,000 Marines aboard.

US State Department officials in Washington refused to comment on Kabila's objections, but reiterated that possible evacuation is the soldiers' sole

In the capital Kinshasa, soldiers violently dispersed a march yesterday by thousands of anti-government protesters, driving armored vehicles into the crowd, hurling tear gas, and beating people with whips and sticks.
With many chanting "Power to the people!" and "We want change!" the crowd was marching to support opposition activist Tshisekedi, who was named prime minister last week hnt who now faces attempts

to oust him by members of parliament angry over his

"We are sick of Mobutu," said a marcher.

Soldiers rushed in as the crowd, which had swelled to about 3,500, moved from Tshisekedi's home toward the parliament building downtown. Marchers fled into the fields, chased down by baton-wielding troops firing tear gas. There were no immediate reports of injuries.

Tshisekedi backers say Mobum and his former prime minister, Leon Kengo wa Dondo, are to blame for the Zairian army's losses to eastern rebels, and Tshisekedi forces in parliament succeeded last week in ousting Kengo on a vote of no-confidence."

The constitution mandated that opposition parties could recommend a replacement, and they chose

Immediately after taking office, however, Tshisekedi scrapped the constitution and fired the parliament, angering the legislators who put him in power. Now many of them are trying to force Tshisekedi ont.

Tshisekedi has lost support of the parliamentarians who nominated him, and he has angered rebel leader Kabila by agreeing to work under Mobutu.

Kabila called the prime minister a "sellout" and rejected his offer of six Cabinet seats in a new gov-

Kabila envisions a political reorganization in his country but has ruled out sharing power with loyalists

Report: Russia has new anthrax toxin

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

The Russians have developed a genetically engineered variant of the anthrax toxin that is totally resistant to known anobiotics, the London-based Jane's information group reported.

According to the Land Based Air Defense publication that comes out this week, Russian military research laboratories and the quasi-civilian Biopreparat organization have developed the deadly anthrax and two other new

All three can be manufactured without using any of the custom-ary precursor chemicals listed in the schedules of the Chemical Weapoos Convention treaty of 1993, the report said, It said the information came from Russian defectors and Western intelligence sources.

The new anthrax strain is said to

be more than eight times more lethal on the battlefield than any known nerve agent, the publication said.

If such agents fall into the wrong hands, "It only oeeds this (anthrax toxin), or the oew chemical nerve ageots to be independently discovered by an ostracized nation's scientists and then developed for missile delivery for an Armageddon situation to occur,' Jane's said.

Bomb kills daughter of Burmese official

three years coordinating the mission hoped to ure." NASA said a landing yesterday was

RANGOON (Reuter) - A bomb exploded at the house of one of Burma's top military officials, killing his daughter and setting off a renewed security alert in Rangoon, the government and diplomats said yesterday.

By MICHELLE KOIDIN

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) -

Astronauts scrambled to fioisb as many

experiments as they could yesterday before

getting ready to return to Earth 12 days early

because of problems with a power generator

In a morning news conference, the astro-

nants said they were surprised by Mission

"It was a big disappointment to end the mission," said Donald Thomas, an astronaut-

physicist. "But we've been working as hard

as we can, working double-time up here, try-

ing to make up for what we're losing."

Thomas had to break the news to two of the

astronauts who were asleep at the time of the

"It was just shock and disbelief at first

because nobody anticipated that we would be coming home so soon," Thomas said.

full 16 days." Scientists who spent more than

"We thought we were going to go for the

Control's action to cut short the mission. They were not consulted about it, but they

said they supported the decision.

on space shoule Columbia.

The explosion was at the home of Lieutenant-General Tio Oo, Secretary Two of the ruling State Law and Order Restoration Council (SLORC) and army chief

April an explosion took place at the residence of Lieutenant-General Tin Oo," said a statement issued by the military government

eldest daughter Cho Lei Oo, age 34 was killed in the terrorist bomb explosioo." The statement did not give further details except to say that Cho Lei Oo was the mother of two and initial investigations showed the explosion was caused

Diplomats said a funeral would be held today. A makeshift tent, presumably for a memorial service, was seen on the grounds of Military Hospital Two where Cho Leii Oo was apparently taken after

cel bomh and occurred at about 8:30 in the evening, diplomats said. One diplomat said officials told

rumors he had been seot to hospi-The statement said nothing

about Tin Oo and if he was at home at the ome of the attack. Heightened security was apparent on Monday on Rangoon

pedestrians or vehicles.

N. Ireland church burnings spread

fifth suspected arson attack in a week against religious property in Northern Ireland.

unnecessary, partly because the two remain-

doing it in an orderly, methodical method,"

shuttle program manager Tommy Holloway

Their worry centered on hydrogen and oxy-

gen in the deteriorating generator that could have mixed, overheated and blown up if the

voltage dropped far enough. The astronauts shut down the fuel cell and other non-cridcal

Only two other missions have been cut

short by equipment failures. A malfunction-

ing fuel cell cut the second shuttle flight in

1981, and a failed navigatino unit brought

NASA rules demand that all three fuel cells

be working properly in orbit or a mission has

to be ended early. While a shuttle can land safely with two cells, it is uncertain what would happen if only one was available because of all the vital systems that would

Engineers did not know why the fuel cell,

which has flown in space before without

have to be sbut down for lack of power.

problems, slowly was losing voltage.

equipment to conserve power.

back Atlantis in 1991.

it's a prudent thing to do, and we're all

ing fuel cells were operating normally.

"It's extremists that are responsible for this, there is no doubt," Father Kieron MacOscar told reporters outside the blackened remains of the 226-year-old Mullavilly church at Tandragee, one of Northern Ireland's oldest.

The fires mark the start of the province's tense "marching season." Three of the damaged churches serve the Roman Catholic minority and two belong to the pro-British Protestant majority.

Police said Muliavilly eburch, in the border

county of Armagh, was gutted by a mysterious blaze which started a few bours after midnight. They confirmed arson was suspected.

The bead of Ireland's Protestant church, Archbishop Robin Eames, visited the church together with the Catholic primate of Ireland, Archbishop Sean Brady and voiced concern at

BELFAST (Reuter) - A Roman Catholic a spate of what they feared were sectarian ical arm, Sinn Fein.

"Once you attack a church, the center of community life like that, you are bringing sectarianism to its lowest point and that is why I am very concerned about our future," he said.

The fires hit against a background of rising Northern Ireland tension caused by the violence and the start of months of disputed pro-British parades by Protestant groups such as

the 200-year-old Orange Order. The Irish Republican Army (IRA) has been hlamed for bomb scares which disrupted Britain's Grand National horse race at the weekend and has claimed responsibility for bomb warnings which brought Briosh motor-

way traffic to a halt a few days before. Violence by the IRA, which seeks an end to British rule of Northern Ireland, was blamed for an attack 10 days ago in which pro-British Loyalists broke an October 1994 truce and planted a bomb at the offices of the IRA's polit-

expressed concern that it might spell the formal end of the ceasefire by the Loyalists, who want Northern Ireland to stay British.

Loyalists, so-called because of their allegiance to Britain, are furious at what they see as IRA attempts to force Northern Ireland on to Britain's May 1 election agenda and say it is aimed at getting Sinn Fein invited to Belfast peace talks.

Sinn Fem is currently barred from the oego-tiations because the IRA ended a 17-month truce in February last year with the first of a wave of attacks io Britain and Northern

Ireland The marching season started on March 31 with a Belfast parade by Protestants which was voluntarily re-routed to avoid antagonizing

Catholics in a Belfast road and causing a re-run of violent incidents in the same parade the pre-

EU caves in, Denmark stands firm on censuring China

NOORDWIJK, Netherlands seen to be motivated by trade con-(AP) - The European Union said yesterday it would introduce UN resolutions condemning human ... rights violations in several nations, but not in China.

because of a veto from France. But Denmark separately said it will introduce a motion on its own at the meeting of the UN Human Rights Commission condemning China despite threats of political, economic and trade sanctions from Beijing.

"We have made our decision and we stand firm," said Danish Foreign Minister Niels Helveg

Petersen. The French veto of yesterday's resolution in the name of the 15nation European Union was a setback for efforts to craft a joint for-

eign policy.
It greatly dismayed the Netherlands, holder of the union presidency.

"If I were a political prisoner in China I'd be a very disappointed political prisoner," Dutch Foreign Minister Hans van Mierlo said after a two-day European Union foreign ministers meeting.

China has defeated previous resolutions sponsored by Europe and the United States, thanks to support from developing countries in the 53-nation body, which is meeting in Geneva. It has said its work on improving human rights must proceed gradually, together with economic development.

European Union resolution was

On May 20, French President Jacques Chirac leaves for China hoping to sell billions of dollars of Airbus airplanes. Van Mierlo said that for consis-

tency's sake the French veto of the China resolution led him to propose that the European Union refrain from sponsoring UN resolutions condemning rights violations elsewhere, ootably in Iran, Iraq, Burma, Zaire and Nigeria.
"It is absolutely unfair to make a difference" between these nations

and dista he added. However, there was no broad support for that, meaning the European Union will go ahead and condemn the latter countries for violating democratic principles,

but not China. French Foreign Minister Herve de Charette denied the French veto made a mockery of European Union efforts to fashion a common foreign policy. He said Italy, Germany and Spain, too, opposed a public condemnation of China. However, van Mierlo said these were ready to endorse an anti-China motion if France had only softened its

stance somewhat. He said he was "grateful" Denmark was pursuing human rights violations in China on its own with a motion, to be introduced next week, that will probahly get the support of all The French veto against an European Union nations except

Blair says he will sell state assets

Next: The orgasm pill

NEW BRUNSWICK (AP) - Two Rutgers University researchers

Such a finding could lead one day to a pill that would give a person the

The researchers focused on a groop of women paralyzed by spinal

the abdomen and chest cavity, into the neck and to the brain stem.

believe they have isolated a chemical that produces orgasms in women.

LONDON (AP) - Opposition leader Tony Blair yesterday pledged to maintaio the Conservative government's policy of selling off state-owoed enterprises and properties which his Labor Party had loog

The pledge by Blair, front-runner io the eampaign for May 1 national elections, marked the final ditching of Labor's oppositioo to privatization, strenuously pursued by the Conservatives through 18 years in power.

Earlier, aides said Labor is drawing up a list of state assets worth up to 122 billioo pouods (NIS660 billion) for possible sales, iocluding the National Air Traffic Control System.

"The presumption should be that economic activity is best left to the private sector, with market forces being encouraged to operate," Blair told a gathering of business leaders at the Corn Exchange, Loodon.

Barry R. Komisaruk, a professor at Rutgers.

injuries were unable to experience an orgasm.

The government's treasury minister, Chancellor of the Exchequer Kenneth Clarke, scorned what he said was Labor's swift conversion to privatization. "You can't put people who are making it up as they go along in

charge of the oadonal economy, Clarke said. The Conservaoves have sold off billions of pounds of state assets, including the national railways, British Airways, British Telecom, and the water and electricity companies during

18 years in power. Labor opposed each sale. Meantime, Britain's bestknown war correspondent, Martin Bell of the BBC, coofirmed he will run as an anti-corruption candidate agaiost a

Conservative legislator. Bell, 58, has the backing of opposition parties to challenge Neil Hamilton, who is accused of taking money in return for raising issues in Parliament.

Continued from Page 1 nation of terrorism.

CLINTON

Ross also indirectly criocized

the Har Homa plan, saying "there can't be an approach that basically preempts a discussion of those

Netanyahu held a 40-minute meeting with King. Hussein Sunday night at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, where Hussein is recovering from prostate surgery. Prime Minister Abdul Salim Majali said that Netanyahu's visit was a "well appreciated humanitarian ges-

Netanyahu said the visit symbolizes Israel's "warm feelings" for the king. He said that going into the meeting with the president he had three goals: returning stability to the region, returning security to the region, and promoting the peace process.

In a strongly pro-Israel speech to AIPAC Sunday night, Vice President Al Gore articulated three guiding principles for the US at this point in the peace process: the cessation of terror-

ism; direct negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians; and the removal of outside pressures on the parties.

The issues in contention cannot and will not be resolved through violence. That is unacceptable," he said.

One of the basic tenets of the Oslo accords is that Israelis and the Palestinians must work together to prevent violence... Solutions cannot and will not be achieved through violence. "Unless residents of Tel Aviv

can safely eat at cafes, unless Israeli and Palestinian children can safely play in their playgrounds, unless people can live quiet and normal lives, there will be no peace. Violence is not and cannot be the answer to any problems or the means for redressing any grievances. Tolerance of terror is unacceptable."

Gore also took an indirect swipe at President Hosni Mubarak for Egyptian press attacks on Israel, saying that while treaties are meant to lead to a warm peace, you cannot get that if you demonize Israel and the Jewish people. and you should not remain silent if newspapers in your nation demonize Israel and the Jewish

SHOOTING Continued from Page 1

stoned again after several bundred meters. He opened fire through the open front passenger window, then got out again, ran into an alley, and opeoed fire from 50 meters, this ome hitting Hamuda and Salah. He ran back to his car and drove off.

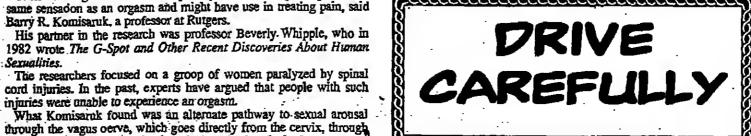
Several residents said the man frequently drove through the village, instead of taking the bypass

Sidbon said that security forces were coordinating with the Palestinian Police and were in touch with Khaled Tartash, in cbarge of the joiot Palestinian/Israeli patrols, who passed on eyewitness reports from villagers and the medical files of the two injured Palestinians to the Israel Police.

Sidbon told Army Radio that it was clear stones were thrown, but it was unclear whether the suspect acted in self-defense. He added that there has been a rise in the oumber of stone-throwing incidents lately.

in a related incident, Hebron police yesterday morning detained Ophir Ohana, director of the Gutnick Center in Hebron, after he fired a warning shot in the air when he was stoned by a large group of Palestinians near the Machpela Cave. No injuries were reported.

The Hebron Jewish community immediately issued a statement demanding the police release Ohana, who they say acted in selfdefense. Police released Ohana later in the day.



Which

system?

YOSEF GOELL

aulty memory explains a

many Israelis of integrity. seem to be listening to politicians, on both sides of the political fence, who propose scrapping our new system of direct election and returning to the old one (choosing our prime minister hy post-electoral coalition horse-

lot. It might explain why so

trading).
Well... There were some good things about the old system. And

there is certainly cause for disappointment in the way the new one has been working - not least of them the problematic personality

of our first directly-elected prime

But it is vital that we indulge in

some sensible reflection and

recall to what depths the previous

system managed to sink.

Remember the buying and sell-

ing of individual maverick MKs

in the notorious "stinking maneu-

ver," that attempt in 1990 by

Shimon Peres to topple the

Likud-led national unity govern-

ment, and the Likud's own

That was the culmination of a

long period in which elections

ended in near-ties between the

two major parties - a sure invita-

ly a genteel affair in any democ-

By 1990, after a decade of dete-

rioration, the system itself had

become delegitimized in the eyes:

of a growing majority of citizens.
Things were bad indeed.

DIRECT election succeeded in

restoring a seose of legitimacy hy

making it absolutely clear that

whoever got chosen prime minis-

ter reflected the desires of the

majority of the electorate. That,

after all, is the bedrock of democ-

And, by that criterion, the new

system has worked. Whatever we

What direct election

can do, and

what it can't

may think of him individually,

there isn't the slightest doubt that

a majority of voters preferred

Binyamin Netanyahu over

And it is precisely because the

UNER

E of Fire the

people chose him that he ought

Shimon Peres.

Now electoral politics are hand-

tion to political degeneracy.

racy; but there are red lines.

counter-attempt to thwart it?

minister.

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Well-deserved victory

The Ethiopian immigrant community scored a victory yesterday when Presideot Ezer Weizman blocked the granting of the Israel Prize for Journalism to Shmuel Schnitzer, a veteran journalist who wrote a column that was deeply offensive to Ethiopian Jews. It is an episode that illustrates the coming of age of the community here, and an example of the arrogance of which one prominent journalist is capable.

Schnitzer, a columnist and former editor of Ma'ariv, wrote a column on August 19, 1994, in that newspaper entitled "Importing Death." The column accused the government of gross negligence for permitting the immigration of "thousands of apostates carrying dangerous diseases." He wrote that the reason the Falash Mura were being allowed to emigrate to Israel was to prove to the world that "blacks, too, can make aliya, and one doesn't even have to be Jewish. So can an apostate, someone with tuberculosis, or with AIDS."

The Falash Mura are the children or grandchildreo of Ethiopian Jews who cooverted to Christianity over the past 120 years. In his opinion piece. Schnitzer argued that hy allowing them to immigrate to Israel, the government was ignoring two exceptions to the oear-blanket right granted lews to immigrate under the Law of Return: for "a person who has been a Jew and has voluntarily changed his religion" and for someone who is "likely to endanger public health... of the State."

But Schnitzer chose to ignore several facts. The Falash Mura were not transported to Israel en masse like the Ethiopian Jewish community in Operation Solomon in 1991, but are being admitted on a case-hy-case hasis, usually on the basis of the family reunification provisions in the Law of Return. These immigrants underwent medical screening and anyone who was deemed a threat to public health was not admitted.

He also chose to ignore the humanitarian aspects of the matter, such as the fact that thou-

sands of Ethiopians sold all their property, trekked for days to the capital, and sat in a camp near the Israeli Embassy for years, learning Hebrew, singing Israeli songs, liviog an Orthodox Jewish life and praying for the day they would come to Israel.

Even Ethiopian activists admit that it is not simple to determine who really qualifies under the Law of Return, and to prevent thousands who may not from "piggybacking" on legitimate immigrants.

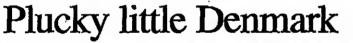
But Schnitzer did oot address the ouances of the issue, or the heartbreaking dilemmas, or the humanitarian responsibilities of a Jewish state. Instead he chose to tar a few thousand destitute people - most yearning to join their families in Israel and their fate with the Jewish people - as diseased apostates.

Schnitzer, of course, denies that he is a racist. But he has been fairly challeoged with the question of why he was so exercised about non-Jewish Ethiopian immigrants, and not the con-Jewish Russian ones, who are estimated to number as many as 100,000.

But one need not resort to the charge of racism to label the piece mean-spirited, misleading. and ill-informed.

It is therefore appropriate that the Press Council's ethics committee found that Schnitzer's column violated the standards of journalistic ethics. Surprisingly, the judges on the Israel Prize committee were unaware of this article and ironically, the committee accompanied its choice of Schnitzer with the accolade: "for years he acted through his writing to reduce tensions between different sectors of the population and to achieve integration and understanding between them."

Perhaps the "integration" they referred to was the process of teaching Ethiopian immigrants that they, like all good Israelis, can run to the Supreme Court to protect their rights - in this case to prevent the granting of a government prize to a journalist who has deeply offended them.



remains considerably less than the sum of just one member with integrity.

The question was whether a European resolution could be proposed this week at the United Nations Human Rights Commission in Geneva censuring China for its abysmal record in human rights. Dehating the issue at the EU foreign ministers meeting in the Dutch town of Noordwijk, these architects of European foreign policy said the EU would introduce UN resolutions condemning human rights violations in several nations. But not in China.

The technical reasoo was a veto by France. The real reason was crave o cowardice wedded to a typical self-centered victory of greed over morality. On May 20 President Jacques Chirac leaves for China and hopes to sell billions of dollars of Airbus airplanes.

The only country to stand tall in the affair is Deomark. Danish Foreign Minister Niels Helveg Peterseo said his country will press on regardless and present the resolution criticizing China. Beijing immediately demonstrated that in the post-Cold War world it seems to have elected itself chief international bully and immediately began issuing insults and threats against the Danes.

"If Denmark insists on doing this it will end up as the higgest loser," Chinese Foreign Ministry

The European Union yesterday demon-spokesman Shen Guofang said, in language strated how this huge association of some more suited to the schoolyard than international vanced nations diplomacy. He went on to say bluntly that relations with Denmark will be severely damaged "in the political or economic and trade areas."

France may well argue that only the little, like Denmark and its smaller European supporters. can afford to be hrave in this way, for they do not have as much to lose in the savage hattle for commercial contracts between the hig predators in the market jungle.

This is nonsense, of course. As Denmark's own domestic critics (industry leaders - who else?) quickly pointed out, the country stands to lose many millions of dollars' worth of busioess. The foreign ministry knows there is often a price to pay for principle and that self-respect never comes cheap.

The Danish Shipping group A.P. Moeller, which has huge interests in China, commented in its last annual report that it is "sad to observe" how Denmark, with only one-thousandth of the world's population, lectures hig countries around the world on how to behave.

That is oot half so sad as companies and countries with their faces deep in the commercial trough who seem to have forgotten that one just country is as rare as one just man. Yet they are the measure and the beochmark for the civilization the European Union is now so proud of. They were pretty rare 50 years ago, too - and then, as now, Denmark was one of them.

APROPO PROTEST

JUDAISM IN JERUSALEM

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sir, - During the Rahin-Peres era, Israel was popular with Arab states making contacts, Arah leaders coming to Rabin's funeral, the European community granting benefits and encouraging investment. Now Arab states are freezing relations, Arab leaders are threatening dire consequences if Har Homa is built, the Europeans are siding with Arafat, and even the US State Department is adopting an odd attitude.

What is the popularity of Israel a function of? Is it really a matter of peace, being kind to the Palestinians, guaranteeing the status of the Holy Places, that determine friendliness towards Israel or its ostracism? Were Europe, the State Department, the Palestinians, Egypt and the Gulf States really enamored of Rabin and Peres because they promoted peace. were willing to give the Palestinians their due and did not insist on "Judaizing Jerusalem"?

And do they resent Netanyahu. to put it mildly because he is disturbing the peace, being harsh towards the Palestinians and insisting on holding on to all of Jerusalem? And exactly what is the objection to a Jewish

Is it possible that what Christians

and Moslems, Americans and Europeans, Arahs and Africans really want is an Israel that is small, a Judaism that is not in charge of Holy Places that do not belong to it, an Israel whose Jews are ready to blend with the rest of the world, and above all, an Israel which is oot a Jewish state at all. but a non-sectarian democracy, a state that belongs to all its citizens, an Israel without Zionism, an Israel in which Judaism is just another religion among other reli-

gions? Perhaps that is the reason of the popularity of an Israel run by the Labor Party, whose leader Shimon Peres talks of economics being more important than history and whose partner Meretz values humanism above Judaism (as if there were a contradiction between the two). Perhaps, as Professor Fackenheim has said, Christianity and Islam do not want Jerusalem as much as they do not want Judaism to have it. A Jewish Jerusalem places in doubt the Christian claim to have displaced Judaism, and the Moslem claim that Islam came to displace Judaism and Christianity.

JACOB CHINITZ Jerusalem.

Sir, - In her article of March 30, "Tel Aviv one week after the homh struck," your reporter claims that customers sitting at the Apropo cafe on Friday. March 28, found it "difficult to relax and enjoy their coffee in peace" hecause "protesters formed a ring around the cafe, chanting...'

We protesters did oot "chant" at all during our two-hour memorial protest vigil. Eveo if we had, no one would have heard us as we were placed quite a distance from the cafe and would not have been able to compete against the high-decibel level of passing traffic and the shouts of the children romping on the snow hill. In fact, after lighting remembrance candles, we stood quietly, as the occasion demanded, holding up our various hanners.

What is more, we did not form a ring around the cafe" - a logistic impossibility in that area, as anyone acquainted with the layout of the cafe would be aware. We stood opposite the cafe in the avenue, quite far

TRUDY GEFEN

Kiryat Ono.



Final status, final peace

Oslo. One can hardly open a oewspaper without reading about the Oslo peace accords between Israel and the Palestinians, and how Israel's violation of this or that provision has led to the current impasse and vio-

But the "Oslo" you read about has become surreal, entirely disconnected from the documents actually signed by Yasser Arafat and Israeli leaders.

Take, for example, Israel's building Jewish housing on Har Homa in East Jerusalem. This is routinely cited as a violation of

The real Oslo, however, is very explicit in treating Jerusalem as a separate entity from the West Bank and Gaza. There are strict rules about what can and cannot be done in the West Bank and Gaza. But there is nothing of the sort regarding Jerusalem.

For good reason. No Israeli government would ever have signed an agreement that prohibited it from housing Jews anywhere in Jerusalem. Indeed, Jewish housing was built in East Jerusalem throughout Yitzhak Rahin's stewardship of the Oslo process.
In the fictional "Oslo" created

by Arafat, however, he has a veto over where Jews may live in Jerusalem. Has anyone who parrois this claim Oslo accords?

Or consider the three West Bank "redeployments" that Israel promised in the Hebron agreement (the third pact under the Oslo process). On March 7, in strict accord with Hebron and exactly oo schedule, Binyamin Netanyahu announced a withdrawal from 9.1 percent of West Bank territory.

Arafat went ballistic, declariog himself - and Oslo - betrayed because he didn't get 30 perceot. The Western press meekly echoed the charge. Some journalists even appeared to validate it.

NBC's Andrea Mitchell, for example, offered this on a radio

ast week Israelis sniggered

over reports of how the

police chief, Insp. Gen. Assaf

Hefetz, fined himself NIS 750 after

he was spotted driving while using

A bit of a laugh, wasn't it?

Death and injury resulting from

traffic offenses have reached

plague proportions in this country,

costing us more lives than wars

tured on the unified, concerted

effort they must make to eliminate

in the path of any effort, in fact

one of the most perilous aspects of

the whole problem, is that we

have come to accept road deaths

as a regrettable but inevitable part

atmosphere following the disas-

trous helicopter disaster which

Remember how singleminded

the nation became over those few

days, how we put our differences

on the back-burner? You could

almost feel that mass concentra-

tion on the dead soldiers, on their

families, everyone trying hard to

understand what really happened

Traffic fatalities? They're about

as interesting as last week's news.

In fact, they are last week's news

That's the crux of the problem.

Far more people have already

died on our roads this year than 73

- but who are the ones who'll be

The experts have deemed the use

- and this week's, and next's.

We're used to it.

remembered?

so it could be avoided in future.

Compare this attitude with the

Yet one of the higgest obstacles

Again and again Israelis are lec-

and terrorist attacks combined.

the handset of a mobile phone.

Actually, oo.

this curse.

of our daily lives.

killed 73 soldiers.

CHARLES KRAUTHAMMER

talk show: "The counterargument (to charges of Palestinian violations of Oslo) would be that the Israelis were not living up to the Oslo accords because they did not withdraw adequately in this most receot withdrawal."

There is no such counterargument. There is nothing in Oslo, nothing in the Hebroo agreement, oothing anywhere that says anything about the adequacy of 9 percent or 30 perceot or any perceot. In fact, according to the official

Oslo is dead. Let's cut to the last act

US understandiogs that govern the Hebron agreement, the extent of the withdrawal is to be left entirely up to Israel.

When Netanyahu announced the Department deemed it "a serious no Israel (e.g., the 30 percent). expansion of Palestinian authori-Israel's commitment to the peace process.

Where did the 30 percent come from? Arafat made it up. How did he get this number? Easy.

Remember, Israel has pledged to make three withdrawals from the West Bank before final status negotiations - over Jerusalem, refugees, borders, a final peace treaty - are completed. Do the math. Arafat figures that if he gets 30 percent in each of the three withdrawals, he's got 90 percent. Add that to what he already has' now, and he pockets effectively all of the West Bank and Gaza before he oegotiates the most delicate issues dear to Israel's heart, such as Jerusalem.

Clever. Make Israel give up all of its territorial chits and all its bargaining leverage before final negotiations. Ohviously Arafat would like that. But Arafat's

JEREMY MAISSEL

of mobile phone handsets to be a

major cause of car crashes, which

is why the fine for driving while

Which brings us back to the

police chief and the smart way he

extricated himself from an awk-

ward situation. Or was it smart? I

call it a prime example of hutzpa

The police chief

broke the law.

Then, reluctantiv.

he paid up. And

people laughed

Who, if not the man at the pin-

Speaking of which, it would be

unfair to omit mention of another

hilarious item, this time about

Transport Minister Yitzhak Levy,

who lost his license after a number

of speeding violations, then failed

Items like these are manna to the

If the police chief, the transport

minister and the media all treat

speeding and other traffic viola-

tions lightly, can we expect the

Israelis already possess that

unique character trait that can be

summed up as constantly trying to

beat the system. What they need is

recducation, not reinforcement.

public to do anything else?

media, who treat them as "soft

nacle of the police force, should

be leading the way in observing

road safety measures?

his driving theory exam.

stories."

using one is so heavy.

in a public figure.

wanting something does not make it "Oslo."

OTHER parts of Oslo are extremely explicit. Oslo clearly

that calls for the destruction of Israel. In 3 1/2 years, Arafat has not done that, Indeed, when last questioned about it, be retorted that he would do it when Israel adopted a constitution. (Israel, like Britain, has only an unwritten constitution.)

it has rendered it useless. He contemptuously dismisses the obliga-tions placed on him (e.g., the charter, nonviolence) while cynically percent withdrawal, the State is ascribing invented obligations to

pansion of Palestinian authorian. What to do? The point now is and "a demonstration of not to save Oslo, which is beyond saving, but to save the peace, which still has a chance.

circuiting Oslo and beginning final status negotiations oow. King Hussein is opeo to the ideal The US is studying it.

to be had, we must go for it now.

President Clinton should bring tus, and final peace.

Washington Post Writers

We need to push home the mes-

sage that driving past a police patrol car while using one's

mohile phone and not being

caught, or driving way over the

speed limit isn't necessarily cause

for hragging. We need to teach that it's dumb, not daring.

Unfortunately, reading about Hefetz's and Levy's casual flouting

of the law makes this kind of mes-

sage almost impossible to transmit.

We cannot afford people who beat the system. The conse-

quences of their "cleverness" are

In reaction to the press reports,

the police spokesman initially explained that Hefetz has trouble

hearing a speakerphone, which is

why he was using the handset.

The handset, be went on, was bal-

anced on Hefetz's shoulder, and

since that left him with both hands

on the wheel, be wasn't really

A later statement said the origi-

nal one was mistaken, and added

What are we playing at here?

This obvious attempt to smooth

things over for Hefetz was an

insult to the public's intelligence.

have been meant - let's give him

the benefit of the doubt - as a ges-

ture of contrition; but it really isn't

If the public is to observe traffic

laws seriously, it has a right to

expect a personal example from

Breaking the law, then paying up

when you're caught just won't do.

The writer, a religious educator, is a member of Kibbutz Alumin.

the country's top policeman.

Hefetz's fining himself may

that the police chief had fined

committing an offense.

himself NIS 750.

good enough,

too heavy to bear.

requires the renunciation of violence. Oslo II, Article XV: "Both sides shall take all measures necessary in order to prevent acts of terrorism, crime and hostilities directed against each other.

Yet Arafar's aides admit that his

Translation: Go jump in the lake.

It should embrace it. If peace is Oslo was meant to be an interim accord, anyway. Trying to enforce it is a hopeless task. Rather than haggle over the terms of a losing proposition, let's cut to the final act.

Arafat and Netanyahu to Camp David; lock 'em up, like Begin and Sadat; and not let them out until they produce - not another Oslo, not another interim piece of paper, but the real deal: final sta-

The tragicomedy of Hefetz

address. This serious defect is not, however, so much an outgrowth of

ing up the spoils.
Once the ideological and programmatic aspects of a party are." allowed to erode drastically, sheer personality and vaunted

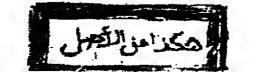
This can be dangerously tempting to all kinds of charla-

have periodically been elected American president should serve as an object lesson.

The answer is not to throw out the new system wholesale and return to the bad old days.

But the central answer to getting better government goes even beyond that. It lies in attracting better candidates, people of proven iotegrity, to the political

The writer comments on current



own Fatah faction organized the

recent anti-Israel rioting. Oslo is equally unequivocal that the PLO must change its charter

Oslo is dead. Arafat's disdain for

Netanyahu has suggested short-

not to be unseated by any reversion to those hoary old party shenanigans in the Knesset.

The weakest aspect of the new system is the nature of the candidate who was chosen. Netanyahu came literally out of

oowhere, with absolutely no record of achievement save some speechifying at the UN. He also boasted an impressive ability to raise money from lewish millionaires and, aided by them, to take over his party, trampling down all . opposition.

Labor has the same problem with Ebud Barak. While Barak does have a record

in the army, culminating in a mixed performance as chief of staff, we haven't the slightest idea about his positions on the myriad issues that anyone who aspires to lead the nation will have to

our oew electoral system as a result of the collapse of both major parties as meaningful entities, standing for something besides gaining power and divvy-

ability to win elections comes to the fore.

tans and hamboozlers, masters at talking out of the multiple sides of their mouths; to oot-and-out crooks, and eveo more dangerous characters, all eager to compete under the new rules of the

The kinds of characters who

Rather, it should be sought in the direction of completing politi-cal reform by strengthening the Knesset as a major check on any dark dictatorial tendencies, that may lunk in the heart of a directly-elected prime minister.

life and competition for the top roles.

And oo mere change in the system will-do that.

Live at heart

IN TUNE

By DAVID BRINN

are the only chords the band

attempts to use, as it tries to be important and meaningful.

The quartet which shot to the top of the alternative charts and subsequent world-wide fame with its

previous two albums, comes off as earnest, hardworking, and deadly serious. The band hails from the

all-American town of York,

Pennsylvania, and despite the fact

they're only in their mid-20s,

they've been playing together for a

in their quest to write songs as

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David Grisman: Renaissance

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are the Bono-soundalike Turn

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Live's heart is in the right place,

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DAVID Grisman is a true renais-

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a strong bond with French cinema. For the last few months, it has been holding monthly screenings of new French films that aren't likely to be released in other cinemas here.

Christmas?, was a hard, gritty look at life on a farm under an abusive father. Fortunately, there's more where that came from. Shadow of a Doubt, which was made in 1993 and shows here April 24, is a tough look at child abuse that's neither

one of the country's most successful directors. Claude Chabrol,

ful spark of excitement and a deep

love of music. The founder of the Acoustic Disc label, Grisman has released these three albums recently which cover a staggering variety of musical

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Vicente Ombnena's glorious tenor enhances the role of the Duke in 'Rigoletto.'

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Verdi up a tree

By URY EPPSTEIN

OPERA REVIEW

ean-Philippe Lafont gave a powerful performance as Rigoletto. His haritone and conveyed all the pain, pathos, rage, tragedy and irony of this complex character. Laura Claycomb as Gilda was perfectly lovable, with her bright, innocentsounding, delicate soprano and exquisite coloraturas expressing the fragility, purity and devotion of the composer's ideal of the Eternal Feminine. As the Duke, Vicente Ombuena was a glorioustenor, rising to the stature of an. irresistible, though unscrupulous,

personified Sparafucile's evil. These were the outstanding features of the New Israeli Opera's production of Verdi's Rigoletto, conducted by Gary F

David Pountney's direction and Stefanos Lazaridis's set were burdened with too ohviously deliberate and forced efforts to innovate at all costs.

This quest for sophistication amounted to not much more than a shallow symbolism not particularly relevant to the composer's own supposed ideas and cultural background. Misplaced modernist tendencies led to a carefree lack of concern for Verdi's - and even his contemporary adversary Wagner's lover. The hass, Paata

ideal of 19th-century Romanticism: womanly love and devotion as the ultimate redeeming power, just like Aida, Violetta, Isolde, Senta and Brünnhilde who together provide the key for understanding Gilda's femininity, still untinged by later notions of feminism.

The director himself presumably knows why part of the action had to take place on a dinner table, and why Gilda had to sing "Caro

Nome" from a treetop. Under Bertini, the Symphony Orchestra Rishon Lezion led to a spirited, well-paced realization of the score.

The Tel Aviv Opera House. March 31.

A season of stars in Haifa

By MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

usic lovers in Haifa are renewing their sub-scriptions for the 1997/98 Haifa Symphony Orchestra season which opens on October 29 with a concert performance of Verdi's most popular opera, La Traviata. The HSO subscription renewal started on April 1, and within three days, 1,500 subscribers out of 6,100 renewed their subscriptions. They are likely to enjoy one of the HSO's most exciting seasons in a long

The program features popular symphonies like Beethoven's Fourth, Brahms's Third, Rachmaninoff's Second and Dvorak's Fourth. There will be popular selections by Tchaikovsky, Villa-Lobos, Debussy, Ravel, Rossini and other composers, and less famil-

iar yet exciting works like the Poulenc Piano Concerto. Elgar's First Symphony and Arvo Part's Frames, to name just a few. There will also be three world premieres: hy HSO

composer-in-residence Haim Permont, hy American-

clarinet concerto by Aharon Harlap performed by the orchestra's principal clarinetist Orit Orbach. Other featured stars include cellist Rubert Cuhen (whn will play

born, locally based composer Paul Schoenfield; and a

Shostakovich's First Cello Concerto), Catherine Cho (Sibelius's Violin Concerto), pianist Pascal Rogé (Poulenc), Peter Frankl (Mozart's 25th Piano Concerto) and cellist Mischa Maisky (Tchaikovsky's Rococo Variations). Conductor Stanley Sperber will be

joined by familiar faces like Aldn Ceccato, Andrew Parrott, John Nelson and Mendi Rodan, as well as new faces such as conductors Arvo Volmer and Kenneth Kiesler, soprano Inese Galante and pianist Awadagin Pratt.

Subscriptions have gone up by 7 per-cent. For the 12-concert season it costs NIS 1,113-NIS 777 before reductions. Those who are willing to sit on the stage of the Haifa Auditorium and view orchestra members and conductors from very close range can enjoys the 12 concert season for a mere NIS 273.

Nights at the opera in Tel Aviv

Awadagin Pratt

By HELEN KAYE

t's not only the New Israeli Opera's bar-mitzva season, it's Israel's 50th hirthday, and the 1997/98 roster of eight new productions without a single revival pays tribute to both.

The flagship production has to be Franco Zeffirelli's colossal La Boheme, next October, with sets and costumes from La Scala di Milano, conducted by our own Daniel Oren and starring Richard Leech and Nuccia Focile as Rodolfo and Mimi.

But the season starts with an all-new production of that Mozart charmer The Marriage of Figuro. Singing the role of Marcellina will be Ann Howells. who sang Dido in Dido and Aeneas, the NIO's first full production, in 1986.

In April '98, look for a sparkling La Cenerentola by Rossini, directed by Giancarlo del Monaco. It . will be playing simultaneously with a new La Traviata starring our own Gabi Sadeh as Alfredo and Michal Shamir (whose voice is getting better and better) as Violetta. She's singing the Countess in Figaro too.

And so opera lovers won't be too cocooned, there

are three contemporary operas: Richard Strauss's

ducted by Valery Gergiev and starring Ljuba Kazamovskaya in the title role - the first Strauss opera to be locally performed.

Jewish composer Viktor Ullman died in Theresienstadt where he wrote The Emperor of Atlantis, about a cruel tyrant who tries to conquer the

It's on a double bill this December with Kurt Weill's The Seven Deadly Sins, which stars great soprano Anja Silja.

That's followed in February by Saint-Saens's Samson and Delilah, a birthday present to Israel from the Vienna Staatsoper with the sensational Denvce Graves singing Delilah.

And looking to entice a new generation of opera lovers, the NIO is creating an all-Hebrew (by master translator Ehud Manor), abridged version of The Magic Flute in which the big hero will probably be Papageno, the lovable hirdcatcher. This production, starring young Israeli singers and directed by Tal

Rubinstein, will travel the country. Hoping to increase its 15,649 subscribers, packages of five to eight operas are on sale at prices ranging from NIS 470 for a weekday gallery seat (five operas) to NIS 1,788 for a Saturday night orchestra place Salome, next May, courtesy of the Kirov Opera, con- (eight operas).

REVIEWS

in brief

Theater

Witold Gombrowicz, a well-known 1930s Polish novelist, made his mark as a forerunner of the Theater of the Absurd with Yvonne, Princess of Burgundy, a scathing comedy of morals and manners. The presence of the risibly ugly, expressively mute and tattered Princess of Burgundy (Gili Ben-Azilio) in an elegant Royal Court serves as a catalyst whereby the hidden guilts, anxieties, hatreds and innate evil of its mem-bers slowly seep out. Finally, her influence is so insidious that by common consent she has to be "put away."

Classically treated, the subtle sarcasm of the piece depends for its hite on the mock sophistication and witty elegance radiated by the actors.

At the Khan Theater, Jerusalem, however, the play is given another, lamentably naive interpretation on account of which its innate ironie thrust sinks out of sight.

It is treated at face value, with the characters reduced to a set nf grotesque cardboard cutouts from a pack of playing cards.
The result is a family of red and gold tinsel royals that are
weak reflections of Gombrowicz's glittering characterizations.
There is, however, a hint of the original intent in the more

precious presentations of Lilian Barto (the Queen) and Katia Zimhrice (Isabelle) with a diverting duet given by Aliza Rosen and Ahnva Keren in the lesser roles of the oddbod Naomi Doudai Yvonne's dotty aunts.

Concerts

Russian music was at the core of the three major music events of the past few weeks. First came pianist Ivo Pogorelich at the Jerusalem International Convention Center, playing Rachmaninoff's Second Piano Sonata in a most captivating manner. Pognrelieh presents a very personal approach, taking the music as nothing more than a starting point for building a magnificent canvas of sound and emotions. He plays in a most exciting manner but he does not try to impress us with virmosity, and his rendition of this sonata, as with the other works in the program (ranging from Bach to Granados) showcased his ability to mold the music in his fingers to a mesmerizing whole. His Rachmaninoff was engaging, scorching at nimes, and most pensive.

Pianist Yefim Bronfman played Rachmaninoff's Third Piano Concerto in a most sublime way, tearing off its schmaltzy cover and delving deep into the essence of the music. Bronfman, known for his huge sound at the piano, impressed, above all, with his pianissimo and with the tender second movement he presented.

In the first part of this concert, Mendi Rodan led the IPO in excerpts from the two jazz suites by Shostakovich, in a performance which was exciting from beginning to end.

Maxim Shostakovich, the composer's son, was not able to draw this fun-like quality and vivacious music making when he conducted the Ra'anana Symphonette in his father's Third Dance Suite. But in the Chamber Symphony Op. 110a, Sbostakovich hrought the Symphonette to a very powerful, engaging and dramatic performance.

The highlight of this concert was the performance of pianist Revital Hachamoff who played Shostakovich's Second Piano Concerto with elan, suave charm and panache. This is an Israeli pianist who definitely deserves more attention. Michael Ajzenstadt

The Jerusalem Rubin Academy's 50th anniversary marathon concert displayed a variety of approaches m chamber music

with guest performers from all over Europe. An outstanding highlight was Messiaen's Quartet for the End of Time, a particularly demanding work, rendered by violinist Nicolas Dantricourt, clarinetist Jerome Voisin, cellist Sarah lancu and pianist Philippe Castaigns of the Paris Conservatory.

Strong identification with modern music was evident in the Berlin Sirene Quartet's well-shaped, intensely energetic and gripping performance of Stravinsky's Concertina.

The Austrian touch manifested itself in a mellow sound, exu-

berant vitality, colorful dynamics and light-hearted elegance as the Abisgis Quartet from Graz played Haydn's Sunrise Quartet. Shostakovich's Quartet No. 8, at the other extreme, was rendered with poignant emotion and all its abysmal resig-

In the Jerusalem Ruhin Academy's 50th anniversary concert in the Knesset's lecture room, the program selection focused on Jewishness in music: from the Renaissance of Salomone Rossi to contemporary and ethnic Israeli samples by Sasha Argny, Misha Segal and Judeo-Spanish Romances.

Recorder-flutist Michael Meltzer, together with his recorder. ensemble, soprano Tahli Teren and guitarist Roman Smirnov. offered enchanting, tasteful renditions of these Jewish and Israeli musical tidbits, as an introduction for the uninitiated. Ury Eppstein

The Jerusalem Rubin Academy-sponsored Kaprizma Ensemble presented a world premiere of a new Israeli work, Mark Kopytman's Three Nights, to a text by David Vogel, and three local premieres of American works, conducted by Richard Wernick.

Kopytman's work sensitively captures the mood of the emotionally highly charged poems. It conveys their content's tension and follows closely their language's sound and inner

rhythm, with an expressive vocal line and subtle, independent instrumental interactions. Alm Mira Zakal rendered the songs with intense identification and involvement.

The seldom performed original 13-instrument version of Copland's Apalachian Spring sounded more lucid, transparent and colorful than the orchestral version and was also more

In his Piece for the Trumpet and Seven Instruments with soloist Ken Kox, Stefan Wolpe explored the instruments' manifold sonorities in a jerky, jumpy manner, as if celebrating human nervousness. Wernick, in Introits and Canons, evokes contrasting moods by juxtaposing various tone enlors and rhythmical patterns, and by a skillful, predominantly intellectual, manipulation of musical forms. Ury Eppstein

A selection of Paul Ben-Haim's works from 1937 to 1967 for various instrument combinations was devised as a coneise musical hiography. Biographer Prof. Jehoash Hirshberg

assumed the role of live program notes. Almost all the works' performances were collaborations of

Rubin Academy students with guests from German and Finnish academies. The evening's only adult performer, Allan Sternfield,

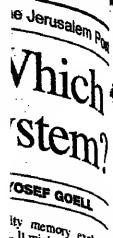
offered a masterful rendition of Music for the Piano as the program's impressive conclusion. Ury Eppstein

The 150th performance of Rami Be'er's Aide Memoire by the Kibbutz Contemporary Dance Company, with a new, young cast (prior to its tour of Poland), showed that it is one of the finest dance creations ever done by an Israeli choreogra-

Be'er deals with our nation's collective memory by confronting his private load of associations.

As a second-generation Holocaust survivor, he manages to confront the issue in a subtle, abstract way, thus intensifying the impact of the dance.

Aide Memoire is an evening-long work, structured extremely well. communicated on several levels and satisfying in an agitating way. A work that leaves a lasting residue. Ora Brafman



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Vive La France Madame Bovary, allows his actors to show their deep repressions. Isabelle Huppert, one of France's most accomplished actresses, seems to have ice, not blood, in her veins, so beaten down is she by her life as the wife of a boring country

> doctor. So, too, in A Heart in Winter. which shows this Saturday. It's the story of a man in love with his business partner's lover and of the way she begins slowly to return his feel-

> But the real drama is in the quiet glances that director Claude Sautet uses to show their love developing and the impossibility of its reaching fruition.

> The film, one of the best in the festival, has marvelous performances by real-life husband and wife Daniel Anteuil and Emraanuelle Beart, first seen together in one of France's most successful films of the 1980s,

> Manon des Sources. There's a strand of French filmmaking that's also been important in developing new styles.

> Jean-Luc Godard, in his 1967 film La Chinoise which shows tomorrow night, used toments of slogans and posters to emphasize his political ideas - and the superficiality of other people's politics. Alam Robbe-Grillet, the man

> who epitomized the "nouveau

roman," has one of his recent, high-

ly experimental films in the festi-

Finally, you may wish to try the 1994 documentary showing on April 26. It's called I'ves Saint Laurent and features YSL talking about himself and "his art."

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Israel joins emerging-market index

The International Finance Corporation said it will include Israel in its benchmark indexes of emerging stock markets. The IFC, the private financing arm of the World Bank, will create the index based on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange's largest and most active stock offerings.

The Israel index will allow the IFC - which bas indexes for Egypt, Jordan, Morocco and Tunisia - to create new regional indexes for the region. Including Israel, the IFC indexes cover

KFC approves privatization of tourism school

The Knesset Finance Committee yesterday approved the privatization of the Israel School of Tourism. The state currently holds 78 perceot of the firm, both directly and through other government-owned companies. The sale will be conducted privately, either here or abroad. The government has also committed itself to divesting from its control of Laromme Hotels International Ltd., Eilat Foreshore Development Co. Ltd., Arad and Dead Sea Region Development Co. Ltd., and Tadmor Hotel

"If no one comes forward to buy the school, we will close it down," a senior source in the Prime Minister's Office said. "However, we think we'll find buyers."

The company employs 22 people, with an additional 200 freelance lecturers. David Harris

Bahrain buys Caltex stake

Bahrain signed an agreement yesterday with Caltex Corp., acquiring the US company's 40 percent stake in Bahrain Petroleum Co. The agreement, which was signed by Bahraini Oil Minister Sheik Isa bin Ali Khalifa and Caltex chairman David Smith, gives Bahrain full control of the oil company.

The Bapco refinery, which is owned by the company, is one of the oldest in the Gulf and produces 250,000 barrels of oil a day. Caltex had controlled the refinery since its inception in 1936 until 1981, when the Bahraini government entered as a major

Caltex, which is a joint venture between Texaco Inc. and Chevron Corp., will continue to provide technical services to the refinery, the Gulf News Agency said.

Panel rejects call to close PA account

By DAVID HARRIS

MK Silvan Shalom's (Likud) bid to close the so-called "secret" Palestinian Authority bank account in Tel Aviv was rejected yesterday by the Knesset Finance Committee during a heated debate.

A majority of MKs on the committee accepted Avraham Shohat's (Labor) argument that the account. opened when he was finance minister, was not a secret fund, but a legitimate method of transferring netroleum excise to the PA.

The existence of the account was first reported by The Jerusalem Post on September 4, 1996.

Almost NIS 500 million has so far been pumped into this account from the Treasury, with the full knowledge of both the government and PA.

This is one of several accounts opened for the specific purpose of transferring numerous duties to the

However, it is the only one in Israel, while the others are in the Palestine Bank in Gaza. The three additional accounts cover import taxes, income tax and health tax. These accounts were set op in accordance with the Paris agree-

The Treasury transferred to the Bank Leumi account in Tel Aviv NIS 28m. in 1994, NIS 100.8m. in 1995, NIS 334.1 m. last year and NIS 2.8m. in January.

"When the account was set up copies of the relevant documeotation were seot to [PA chairman Yasser] Arafat, to [former Treasury director-general David] Brodet, to

myself, and to the Palestinian Finance Minister [Zubdi Al Nashashibi]," said Shohat. The donor countries are also fully

aware of this account, he added. One of Shalom's main arguments against the account is that the signatories to it are not the highest ranking officials, but Arafat's chief economic adviser Mohammed Rachid and Nashashibi's assistant deputy Mohammed Jaradah.

To me this account is like a Fund B [or slush fund] and there-Shalom, who heads the coalition group on the committee. The money should be placed in one of the accounts in Gaza, and the PA should inform the Israeli government for what the money is intended, he said.

We must not give a hand to their activities until we know exactly what they are."

There's oothing secret here, it's all in the open for the public to said Customs and VAT Department director-general Motti

The finance committee debate on the issue flared up several times, with Shohat calling Shalom a "gangster" and Shalom reportedly retorting that Shohat was "rub-

Israeli and non-Israeli official sources have said that some of the money has been designated mainly for Arafat's discretionary spend-

What the PA does with the money afterwards is its own issue; I'm not the PA state comptroller," said Haim Oron (Meretz).

Bezeq share offer approval delayed over workers' rights

The Knesset Finance Committee vesterday failed to approve the government's prospective sale of a 24-percent stake of Bezeq, due to concerns by Labor MKs over

workers' rights. MK Avi Yehezkel (Labor) asked for the opportunity to hold an internal party discussion of the issue before voting, and the request was granted by committee chairman Avraham Ravitz (United Torah Judaism).

Immediately after the Knesset meeting, workers' representatives met Communications Minister Limor Livnat, who told them she will do ber otmost to resolve their claims while advancing the company's privatization.

Government Companies Authority director-general Tzipi Livni expressed disappointment at the delay, with the vote rescheduled for next Thursday.

Livni wants to sell the 24% stake on the basis of Bezeq's financial performance in the first

quarter. She is concerned about own party, Yehezkel argued that abroad, and the possible sale by the delay, because to prepare a now is the time to correct the bundles. Livni said the authority flotation, or in this case several flotations together with sales of share bundles, the authority needs three to four months, and for legal reasons the sale can only go ahead on the basis of the first quarter performance until August.

Livni also maintains that privatization and the workers' claims are unrelated. While Yehezkel agreed with her on this point, be said there is also an issue of principle involved, whereby the workers' rights must be guaranteed.

During the meeting, workers' representatives produced a documents which commitments to their rights were made by the previous government but have not yet been molemented. Most of these promises were

made by late prime minister Yitzhak Rabin, former finance minister Avraham Shohat (oow leader of the opposition group on the committee) and former communications minister Moshe Shahal.

Admitting the fault lay with his

errors and guarantee the workers'

Following the meeting Haim Oron (Meretz) told the workers, "you must now act quickly to say exactly what rights you want pro-

After the meeting Livni admitted "there are some problems that need solving.

"We are oot against the privatization," said acting Bezeq workess committee chairman Benny Goldring. "It's not appropriate to put our backs against the wall. If they do we will take the appropri-

As far as the sale itself is concemed, the government wants to reduce its share in Bezeg from 76% to 52%. The remainder is currently owned by the public (14%) and British telecommunications company Cable and Wireless

The government committee on privatization last week approved the sale by floration, both here and bundles. Livni said the authority has decided it wants to float as much as possible in Tel Aviv by June or July, or August at the very latest, depending on the state of the market. If some of the sale progresses through share buodles, these will be limited to a maxi-

Ophir Pines (Labor) questioned the haste of the authority and argued that Ami Erel, Bezeq's newly appointed director-general. has oot had sufficient time to consider the latest developments.

Livnat expressed her hope that the finance committee will approve the sale next week.

Bezeg, currently valued in Tel Aviv at NIS 6.4 billion, employs 8,850 workers, most of whom are hired in the framework of collective agreements.

If the authority's proposals are accepted by the committee next week, an interministerial team will be set up to ensure the share offering is conducted in the nation's

First phase of Discount share offer successful

By JENNIFER FRIEDLIN

The first part of Israel Discount Bank's current share and warrants offer, which was aimed at institutional investors, was 1.7 times oversubscribed, MI Holdings managing director Meir Yaacobson

Of the foreign investors, Merrill Lynch bid for the largest amount NIS 6.4 million, in shares and warrants, he said.

The subscriptions were in the framework of the government's sale of a 17-percent stake in Discount, the country's third largest bank, where the state is bound to retain a 62% holding once the current share offer is completed.

MI Holdings, the state company in charge of privatizing the nation's banks, is expected to publish a prospectus today for the second part of the offering, and bidding is expected to be open to the general public as of next Monday.

In the first part of the sale, which was only open to institutional investors, a package of five shares, nine Series Two warrants (part of which are exercisable now and the rest in July) and seven Series Three warrants (exercisable in November) went for NIS 160.

The price was 2.6% above the minimum of NIS 156, but it could go even higher depending on the outcome of the public offering next

The government expects to raise NIS 607m. from the Discount sale - NIS 156m. from the public offering, NIS 42m. from an issue to the bank's workers, NIS 171m. from warrants exercised in July and NIS. 238m. in November.

The offering was originally scheduled for February but was delayed by the Securities Anthonity. which decided to wait until the bank released its fourth-quarter debt provision figures.

The government plans to float about 10% in Leumi, Israel's second largest bank, in May.

Eli Lilly to open local subsidiary

By JENNIFER FRIEDLIN

Eli Lilly & Co., the Indianapolisbased pharmaceotical company, announced yesterday it has decided to launch a local subsidiary.

The Tel Aviv office, which is part of the company's strategy to further penetrate the Israeli market, will conduct clinical trials, as well as market and sell Eli Lilly's products. Eli Lilly did not disclose the size of the investment it made in establishing a local branch.

The company, which is among the world's top-10 leading drugmakers, produces antibiotics, insulin, growth hormones, anti-ulcer agents and cancer drugs. One of its more famous products is psychiatric medication

With 30,000 employees worldwide, the company also manufactures sedatives, vitamins, cardiovascular therapy medications, feed additives and other goods for livestock and poultry. Eli Lilly's holdings include med-

ical communications networks clients," the companies said in a developer Integrated Medical Systems and medical instruments



Dollar hits four-year high against yen

A quotation board flashes the dollar exchange rate over money dealers at a Tokyo brokerage yesterday. The US currency rose to 124.83 yen, its highest since February 1993, oo purchases by Japanese investors and interbank traders. The market shrugged off larger-than-expected growth in Japan's current account surplus for February, dealers said. In Tel Aviv, the greenback's surge pushed the shekel to a new record low of 3.381 to the dollar.

Bankers Trust, Alex. Brown in \$1.7b. merger

NEW YORK (Reuter) - US banking company Bankers Trust New York Corp. and retail brokerage firm Alex. Brown Inc. announced they had signed a definitive agreement to merge in a stock swap valued at about \$1.7 billion.

Under terms of the transaction, which was unanimously approved by both companies' boards, each Alex. Brown common share would be exchanged for 0.83 shares of Bankers Trust common stock, the companies said.

"In a single, integrated firm, clients will have the benefit of Bankers Trust's expertise in syndicated bank lending and high-yield bonds and Alex. Brown's strength in equities research and underwriting," Bankers Trust chairman and CEO Frank Newman said.

The proposed move follows closely a similar planned merger between Morgan Stanley Group Inc. and Dean Witter Discover & Co. That deal, announced in February, aimed to combine Dean Winer's strong retail brokerage presence and Morgan Stanley's investment

banking strength. Analysts have said buying a retail brokerage firm gives an investment banking house an immediate and relatively inexpensive way to enter the business, instead of building a retail presence from scratch.

Shares of Alex. Brown Inc jumped at the close of last week as rumors of a possible takeover by

the bank intensified, closing up \$8.75 per share on Friday at \$53.125, while Bankers Trust shares finished the day at \$82.25.

off \$0.375. Based on the April 4 closing price of Bankers Trust and Alex. Brown's primary shares outstanding, the merger would have a value of about \$1.7b., the companies said. On that basis, Alex. Brown shareholders would own about 20 per-

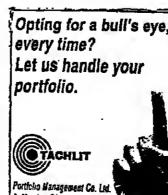
cent of Bankers Trust shares outstanding after completion of the merger, they said. Bankers Trust said it expected to recognize a one-time charge of about \$80m. at closing for restructuring and related costs. The deal,

set to close in the fourth quarter, was expected to be tax-free to shareholders and accounted for on a pooling-of-interests basis, it said. The firm said it expected the combined company to achieve annualized expense savings of

about \$80m. resulting from the elimination of redundant operations within 12 months of the close. But Bankers Trust declined to comment on which operations would be con-

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Clal Trading Ltd. dropped 3% to

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31.04, and Mofet Technology Fund Ltd. dropped 0.5% to NIS

The Mishtanim index of the 100

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Doron Tsur, head of research at Sahar Securities, said investors are

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By JOSHUA MITNICK

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reviewing individual carning ter earnings from companies reports, and not basing buy and sell decisions on broader trends. Tsur said the peace process and

the economy are less of an influence right now. There's a disconnection from the peace process" among investors, he said.

Bank reports were in line or above expectations, whereas holding companies lagged analysts'

estimates, Tsur said. Across the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, NIS 102.3 million of shares were traded. That's 6.4% less than the month's daily average of NIS 109.3m. and 26% less than this year's daily average of

NIS 138.5m. Gaining and declining shares were about even.

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

Euro shares up as dollar rises

LONDON (Reuter) - The dollar surged to its highest level against the yen for more than four years yesterday, while stock markets on both sides of the Atlantic advanced, putting recent pessimism behind

Oil prices recovered a little after plunging nearly nine percent last week, but traders said further losses were likely in the short term due to heavy supplies.

Gold also regained some lost ground as delays in Russian shipments boosted precious metals generally. On the currency market, the dollar, adding to earlier gains in Asian business, progressed by around 1.50 yen and three pfermigs from last week's late levels.

European stock markets were already in a positive mood before the

New York market reopened higher, celebrating a recovery on Wall Street on Friday and the strength of the dollar -- good news for Europe's exporters.

By the end, Frankfurt had gained more than three percent, Paris over 2% and London, Europe's biggest market, a more moderate

The German share market confounded expectations to book sharp gains, helped by higher bonds. Traders said rumors of the death of the bull run seemed somewhat exaggerated right now.

London shares ended the first day of the new British tax year higher, shadowing Wall Street, but concern about interest, rate rises was likely to cap advances in the FTSE 100 index. dealers and strategists said.

WALL STREET REPORT

Blue chips end higher

gains in the bond market, finished higher yesterday, as Wall Street chalked up its second consecutive winning session following last week's slide.

According to early, unofficial results, the Dow Jones industrial average ended up 29.84 points at 6,555.91 after earlier climbing to 6,589.14. In the broader market, advancing issues swamped declines by a 17-7 margin on heavy volume of 455 million shares on the New York Stock Exchange.

The dollar climbed to a four-year high against the Japanese yen, and the benchmark 30-year Treasury bond gained more than half a point, pushing its yield down to 7.08 percent from 7.12 percent Friday.

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RACING TO VICTORY - Lord Gyllene, ridden by Tony Dobbin, clears Beechers Brook on his way to winning the 150th Grand National at Aintree yesterday.

Lord Gyllene makes the running to win Grand National

LIVERPOOL (Reuter) - Lord Gyllene, ridden by Tony Dobbin, produced a brilliant display of front-running to win yesterday's rescheduled Grand National steeplechase.

Lord Gyllene (14-1) made all the running and won by 25 lengths from Suny Bay (8-1), the mount of Jamie Osborne. It was the first time for more than 70 years that a borse had been in front all the way.

Camelot Knight, a 100-1 outsider ridden by Carl Llewellyn, ran on to be third, two lengths behind Suny

The race took place under the tigbtest security ever seen at a British racecourse after a bomb scare meant the race had to be abandoned on Saturday.

Prime Minister John Major, breaking into his election schedule, and Princess Anne, daughter of Britain's Queen Elizabeth, attended yesterday's race.

Along with 20,000 racing fans, they witnessed a splendid display by Lord Gyllene, an out-and-out stayer who hardly put a foot wrong. Suny Bay kept company with the winner for much of the 7.2-km trip

as the 36-strong field negotiated the

30 famous obstacles. But from two fences out it was clear that Lord Gyllene held all the aces and, bar a fall, it was all over. Lord Gyllene scooped a record National first prize of \$291,000 for owner Stan Clarke, who is chairman of Newcastle and Uttoxeter

The winner is trained by Steve Brookshaw, whose late uncle Tim Brookshaw once finished second in the big race but was paralysed in a fall at Aintree in 1963.

Trainer Jenny Pitman, known as the Queen of Aintree, had a disappointing day with her duo. Nahthen Lad finished ninth and

Smith's Band, who fell at the 20th and broke his neck, was one of two fatalities in the race.

The other was Straight Talk who broke a leg at the 14th obstacle.

Redskins owner Jack Kent Cooke

WASHINGTON (AP) - Jack Kent Cooke, the crusty entrepreneur whose Washington Redskins won three Super Bowls and whose personal life was the suff of tabloid

The NFL owner collapsed Sunday morning at his estate in Washington and was taken to hospital. He died

For Cooke, image was nothing success was everything. And his success could be measured by his

Redskins in 1974, took over daily operation of the team from Edward Bennett Williams in 1980 and began his dogged pursuit toward making the Redskins an NFL

1987, 1991.

Jerusalem (half) Marathon runs today

By HEATHER CHAIT

It was almost the marathon that

Until 6 p.m. yesterday, the fate of the fifth Jerusalem Marathon lay in jeopardy due to a protest by municipal workers over salary increases. Last-minute preparations including late registration and entry lists were held up and organizers were expected to work throughout the

night to catch up the backlog. Head of the workers' committee, Damy Bonfil, explained the situation. "When the raise we had been promised months ago was not included in our salary on Sunday, I ordered the workers to suspend all preparations for the marathon." After intense negotiations the issue was resolved when municipality's director general Ra'anan Dinur seni Bonfil a letter promising that the raises would be paid.

Last night's traditional premarathon pasta party at Jerusalem's Dan Pearl Hotel was rainted by the controversy as Zion Turgeman, municipal sports authority head, charged that the workers bad exploited the marathon for their

own ends. Still the race will go on and thousands of runners will traverse the south-western parts of the capital from 10 this morning when the 21.1 kilometer half-marathon sets off. The 4.2km mini-marathon will follow at 10.20 a.m. and the 2.1km

popular race at 10.30 a.m. Although the route is outside the downtown area, the race is more likely to produce irate drivers than

record-breaking times.

From Teddy Stadium the runners will proceed to Patt Junction. Herzog Boulevard, Ruppin Road, Nayot, Bezek Road, Mt. Herzl, Ora Junction, Manhat, Mesua Junction.

Beit Halochem and returning via the zoo to the stadium.

Organizers promise that only Bezek and Ruppin Roads will be entirely closed and that traffic disruptions will be over by 12.30 p.m.

One of the favorites is Morocco's Rashid Buhari whose best time, set this year, is 1:05. Runners from Norway. South Africa and Australia will also be at the starting

Nili Abramski, who set a record two years ago of 1:24:13 will be

"I'm feeling fine and looking forward to seeing the sights of Jerusalem," she said.

The men's course record, set by Assaf Bimro, stands at 1:09:44. Sponsoring the race are Menhedet health fund. Mei Eden,

Osem, Dan Hotels, Tambour, Hyundai, Internet Zahav, Trafitech and Radio Jerusalem.

Agassi wins Davis Cup 5-setter as US beat Dutch

NEWPORT BEACH, Ca (AP) -Andre Agassi, handcuffed early by Jan Siemerink's serve-andvolley game, rallied with pinpoint passing shots for the victory Sunday that gave the US a 4-1 win over the Netherlands in their Davis Cup quarterfinal.

The Americans advanced to the Sept. 19-21 semifinals against Australia, 5-0 winners over the Czech Republic. It was Agassi's 15th straight

Davis Cup singles victory, putting him within reach of Bill Tilden, who woo 16 straight for the US during the 1920s and early

Agassi eoded the 2-bour, 48minute match with a crosscourt backhand for a 3-6, 3-6, 6-3, 6-3, 6-3 victory, then embraced US

captain Tom Gullikson as 5,396 cheering fans rose to their feet.
"I just needed to find my groove, and I didn't find it as soon as I should have," he said. After sharing bugs with team-

mates Jim Courier, Rick Leach Jonathan Stark, Agassi bounded back on court. He blew kisses and bowed to all four seating sections in between signaling No. 1 with his index fingers.

The Dutch came into Sunday's reverse singles matches needing two wins after Paul Haarhuis and Jacco Eltingh prevented a US sweep by winning Saturday's doubles.

After Agassi's victory, Stark routed Sjeng Schalken 6-4, 6-0 in a "dead" singles match to close out the tie.

Lemieux officially announces retirement

PITTSBURGH (AP) - Saying that he definitely will retire afterthe playoffs, Mario Lemieux put an end to speculation that he might consider playing another season for the Pittsburgh Penguins. I just want to say that this will be

my last year officially," Lemicux said at a banquet Saturday night. The 31-year-old center, a five-

time NHL scoring champion whose career has been hampered by a bad back and a bout with cancer, leads the league in scoring again this season with 117 points on 49 goals and 68 assists. Lemieux, who led the Penguins

to Stanley Cup championships in 1991 and 1992, caught team officials off guard with the timing of his statement.

"He's obviously indicated that over time, and we had expected an aunouncement, but we thought it would be after the season," cle president Donn Patton said. With four games remaining in

regular season, Lemieux has 612. goals and 1,489 points to stand sixth on the NHL career lists in both categories. He also has 877. assists, 11th in NHL history.

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x-clinched playoff berth NHL - Sunday's results: Philadelphia 2, Ottawa 1; Florida 3, Washington 3; Chicago 2, Calgary 1; New Jersey 2, St. Louis 0; Colorado 2, Phoenix 1.

Long European soccer season reaching finale

LONDON (Reuter) - This sea- Cup final in Rome. son's European competitions have been going on for so long that some teams were eliminated even before schools broke up for their summer holidays last July.

The likes of Latvians Dinaburg, Tiligul Tiraspol of Moldova were all eliminated from the UEFA Cup at about the same time as children were building their first sandcastles on the continent's beaches.

Now, 10 months and hundreds of matches later, only 12 teams out of the 190 who set out searching for European glory survive. They meet in the first leg of their

respective semifinals this week knowing that the rewards on offer for winning through and triumphing in next month's finals will ensure them a very happy summer boliday of their own.

Reigning European champions Juventus warmed up for their semifinal against Ajax by inflicting the biggest-ever league defeat on their arch-rivals AC Milan with an astonishing 6-1 win at the San Siro stadium on Sunday.

Virtually assured of the Italian title for the second successive year, Juventus will be especially keen to defeat Ajax emphatically over the two legs - especially as their victory over the Dutch team was secured on penalties in last season's European

Ajax, European champions in 1995 and bidding for a place in the final for the third successive season, have an excellent record against Italian teams winning nine of their previous 12 ties.

in official competition, with each team winning twice.

Manchester United against Borussia Dortmund, a rare meeting against German opposition for the English champions.

played United who won 3-2 on aggregate in the 1956-57 European Cup and 10-1 on aggregate in the 1964-65 UEFA Cup.

German club. Apart from the ties with Dortmund, they also beat Vorwaerts Berlin of East Germany in the second round of the 1965-66 European Cup. Out of the six games, they have won five and drawn once with a goal tally of 18-4.

tion more than 30 years ago.

In 1966, they beat holders West Ham in the semifinal of the Cup Winners' Cup, then went on to beat Liverpool in the final in extra time in Glasgow.

The other semifinal pits

Borussia are the only team from the former West Germany to have

In fact, United have never lost to a

Borussia have played two other English teams and won both ties, coincidentally in the same competi-

Dortmurid coach Ottmar Hitzfeld has spent more time in front of his television watching videos of Manchester United in the last few days than before any other European clash, but he has refused to give any details of his line-up. His biggest ment for the suspended libero Matthias Sammer.

The Germans have injury problems up front. Hitzfeld said he hoped strikers Karlheinz Riedle, who has a groin injury, and Heiko Herrlich, who has burt his shoulder, would be fit to return to the squad for the tie in Dortmund. This week's European action starts

today when unfancied Tenerife face Schalke and Internazionale play Monaco in the UEFA Cup finals. It continues on Thursday when

Paris St Germain entertain Liverpool and Barcelona play Fiorentina in Spain in the Cup Winners' Cup. Fiorentina were the first winners of the Cup Winners' Cup in 1961 and would love to repeat that long-

ago success. Their Argentine player Gabriel Batistuta totally rejects any sense of inferiority his team might feel against the mighty Catalans. "I've never felt inferior to anyone," he

"Sure they have great players and lots of international experience but the real Fiorentina can beat any side.

dies at 84

35 minutes later. Cooke, who had a heart attack in

1973, had long been bothered by angina pain and breathing problems. Last Nov. 10, he became ill in his RFK Stadium box during a game. He spent the next five days in the hospital, where he was found to have osteoarthritis, a degenerative condition found in the elderly.

vast financial boldings, his NFL championships and the parade of celebrities that came calling to his

He became majority owner of the

The Redskins began their rise began in 1981 with the hiring of Joe Gibbs as coach. He and general manager Bobby Beathard built a team that played in four Super Bowls and won three - in 1982,

in three weeks. Looming when she gets back is Graf, the injured former No. who has played only two tournaments and seven matches this year. Hap. Petah Tikva goes to school.

Hingis beats Seles again

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, SC (AP) - Martina Hingis, the WTA Tour's

top-ranked player, showed another dimension to her growing game in beat-

ing Monica Seles 3-6, 6-3, 7-6 (7-5) on Sunday for the Family Circle cham-

A week after destroying Seles 6-2, 6-1 in 44 minutes to win the Lipton Championship, Hingis needed more than two hours for her sixth title this

year. Her streak of 31 match victories is tied for sixth best all time, but it

"I was just hoping she didn't do the same score to me as I did to ber,"

Hingis said. "I liked last week a lot better." Hingis earned \$150,000, boost-

ing her season's winning to more than \$1.2 million.

She faced only one seeded opponent - No. 14 Brenda Schultz-McCarthy

Hingis will take the next three weeks off and return to the tour at Hamburg

looked in danger when she trailed 5-0 in the match's first 14 minutes.

out of sync as the fourth-seeded Seles seized the early lead.

By JOEL GORDIN

Hapoel Petali Tikva is to help establish soccer as part of the curriculum at one of the town's high schools, club president Meir Sharmir announced this week. The club has reached an agreement with WIZO, which runs a boarding school in the center of Petah Tikya where youth from: mainly under-privileged homes:

study agriculture in the afternoons

after their nounal day's curricu-At the start of the next school year, a seventh grade class will be set up in which the boys will learn, not agriculture, but soccer after hours. They will be taught by

coaches from Hapoel Perah Tikva's senior and youth sections. The pupils will be picked from candidates from all over the country with the emphasis on develop.

ment towns. The plan has the backing of the Education Ministry Shamir stated that the club would invest about about

NIS 300,000 an the project in addition to providing the coacles. Happed Petah Tikva will sapply the facilities and help the boys with scholarships. The following year, promised Shanir, the seventh graders will move up and a new class will be

started. Thus, he said, the socces school will grow and provide a valuable for noisery for the scaler.

Shamir mentioned that Hapoet Petah Tilcva was in close contact with Ajax Amsterdam and Borussia Dortmand which run similar schemes in their respective sinus schemes at their respective cities. It is hoped to set up exchange programs with these presignous schools.

LOCAL SCENE

Walker Ladani celebrates birthday his way Kibbutz Yizre'el. The annual competition is Mikdash (over-45's), Uzias Berman against

By HEATHER CHAIT

For Prof. Shaul Ladani, a birthday is not synonymous with a meal at a fancy restaurant. Ladani, professor of industrial engineering at Ben-Gurion University and a former Olympic competitor in the 50-km. walk, celebrated his 61 st birthday with a touch of pizzazz - an eighthour walk which covered 61 kilometers, one for each year.

Judo: Guy Fogel and Amit Leng bad not met in competition since that fateful decision last June not to send either of them to the Atlanta Last week they reached the final of the

national championships (65 kg class) and Fogel, coached by Moshe Ponti, overwhelmed Leng, winning by ippon. For Fogel, the win assuaged some of the bitterness lingering after the Olympic decision. Besides this long-awaited clash, there were

few other highlights. Tweoty-year-old Arik Ze'evi easily dominated the 95kg category, David Berger beat Gil Ofer in the 78kg and Einat Yaron won the girls 61kg class (Yael Arad's weight group). held in memory of Dudi Silbowitz who was a member of the national team and fell in the Yom Kippur War. Twelve teams will compete in this end of season tournament which begins at 10am. If you

6598319 or 06 6598241. Golf: The monthly medal competition at Caesarea Golf Club attracted 100 players. Zev Abraham won the A division with 73 with Ron Sandler and Arieb Gresaro one and two points behind for second and third places respectively. TV personality Yoram Arbel had the best net of the day, a 66, in the B division with Michael Bardugo second (69) and Effie Beeo third (70). Moshe Zarkover won the C division with 71, ahead of Jules Cuburnek's 72 and Zvi Joseph,

Avraham Namdar took the D division with 66 with Barbara Golan on 70 and Sblomo Ferman Tennis: Once a champion, always a champi-

also on 72 but with a higher back-oine.

on. Yair Wertheimer, former Israeli No. 1, won the seniors tournament at Hapoel Tel Aviv courts after beating Udi Anais 6-0, 7-5 in the final of the over-35 age group. Other winners were Michael Sela over Sbuky

Jacky Sole (over-50's), Ron Steele who bear Uzi Bonzik (over-55's) and Raoul Geller over Shalom Goldstein (over-60's). Winning among the women were Liana Breilovsky who defeated Irit Anais (over-35's), also have a team of seven burly players and Batsheva Mandel over Nomi Grossman (overwant to compete, call Milton Kaplan at 06-

45's) and Noa Melovich who defeated flana Barak (over-55's). Bowls: Maureen Hirshowitz and Zvi Bekier won the mixed pairs final last week, beating Gordon Silberstein and Isabel Myers 24-18 in

In the annual seven-week Wingate Fives: competition being held in Netanya, Ramat Gan is leading overall with 14 points after the second week. Ra'anana has 13 points and Kfar, Hamaccabiah is on 12.

Money matters; While Israelis moan about taxes, the foreigners here are benefiting from tax cuts. A law passed in the Knesset now reduces the tax levied on sports clubs for foreign players from 40% to 25%. The law, mitiated by MK Micha Goldman (Labor), is intended to entice more players from abroad and to marrow the gaps between local and international teams.

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MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

The Berger Woodwind Quintet from Norway

performs selections by Mozart, Grieg, Barber, Milhaud, Bert and Ben-Ziou Orgad tonight in

Netanya and tomorrow night at the Gallery of the Tel Aviv University as part of the Tones and Colors

Jerusalem music lovers can enjoy a variety of

musical events from Slovakia during a special mini-festival presented in our capital under the

title Brainflava Art Week. Tonight, there is a con-cert performance of Mozart's Don Giovanni at the

Henry Crown Symptiony Hall (8:30), while tomorrow night opera buffs can enjoy a pupper

version of The Marriage of Figure at the Gerard

The Pargod Theater will host an evening of

Slovakian jazz on Wednesday (9:30), and an

acoustic program presented by percussionist

HELEN KAYE

You will haugh until you cry, and in the next

minute be touched to tears. The Cameri Theater

production of Shakespeare's Twelfth Night direct-

ed by Micki Gurevitch has its finger firmly on the

pulse of what "Israeli" is about at the end of the

'90s, and yet is set within the context of

Shakespeare's timeless and compassionate

humanity. What's more, he'd cheer this marvelous

cast. Tonight on the mainstage at 8:30. (Hebrew

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ADINA HOFFMAN

*** PRISONER OF THE MOUNTAINS

- Based on a Tolstoy novella about the kidnap of

two Russian soldiers hy a tribe of "stinking

Tatars," Sergei Bidrov's film feels haunted. The

movie is set in the present, but takes place against

the same backdrop Tolstoy described some 150

years ago: war-tom Chechnya. While Bidrov

sticks quite closely to the outline of the novella,

his movie leaves us, almost inevitably, with a

darker feeling. A cominee for this year's best for-

eign-film Oscar, the tale is told simply, from the

point of an eager if bumbling young recruit

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with simultaneous translation into English)

Joseph Shushuka on Thursday (9:30 p.m.).

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CRITIC'S CHOICE

The King sings on Channel 2.

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English subtitles. Not recommended for children.)

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ELANA CHIPMAN

Elvis: His Greatest Performances is a collection

of rare footage from performances given by the king of rock 'n' roll from 1955 to 1977. This is a

good opportunity for old fans to enjoy some of the Kiog's greatest hits and for the new generation to

appreciate the man who had great influence on

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I's Tuesday evening documentary slot at 10.

Briton Alison Hargreaves was the world's most

prominent female mountaineer. She was the first

to conquer Everest without oxygen, and subse-

quently became an international heroine. Within

highest peak in the world, which had already

claimed many lives. In August 1995, she led a

party up the mountain, but on the way down

tragedy struck: She died together with six other

climbers. Her husband Jim Ballard takes their

children to see their mother's last mountain in this

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7:00 Good Evening with Guy Pines (rpt)

7:30 Love Story with Yossi Siyas (rpt) 8:00 Dallas (rpt) 9:00 One Life to Live 9:45 The Young and

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13:10 Sylzanian 13:35 Tazmania 14:00 Little Flying Bears 14:30 Alice in Wonderland 15:00 The Center of Things 15:15 Pink Panther

15:50 Party of Five 16:55 Moesha 17:05 Cream with Michal Yanai 17:50 Twisted Tales 18:00 Hugo 18:30 Inspector Gadget 19:05 The Little Bits 19:30 Magical Hour with Yael Abecassis 20:20 Married with Children 20:45 Roseanne

SECOND SHOWING (6)

22:00 The Big Showdown --spaghetti Western, A tough sheriff brings a

00:15 ENG Newsroom 1:05 Barnaby Jones **MOVIE**

CHANNEL (4)

11:30 Charlots En Foke (French, 1973) comic parody of the Three Musketeers 13:10 Broken Lullaby (1994) (rpl) 14:35 The West Side Waltz (1995) - tear-jerking drama about the lives of three women, With Shirley MacLaine, Liza MacLard, Liza Minnell, Jenniter Grey and Kathy Bates 16:20 Fate (1990) young man searches for the woman of his dreams. When he finds her he needs tings ner ne record lots of help to win her heart. With Yehuda Barkan in a support

ing role 18:20 Love Potion No. 9 (1992) - two geeky scientists experiment with an ancient love potion. With Sandra Bullock and Tate Donovan 20:00 Special report on The People vs. Larry Flynt 20:30 The Unspoken Truth (1995) – 8 woman is coerced by

her violent husband to adnit to a murder he committed. With Leah Thompson 22:00 El Manachi (Spanish, 1992) – highly successful, very low-budget film written, directed, pro-duced and starting Roberto Rodriguez, A

CHANNEL 2 young singer arrives in 6 Mexican border (rpts) 8:00 World on a lown and is mistaker for a violent hit man. 23:25 The Music of Chance (1993) adaptation of 6 Paul London (rpt) 9:30 Down in the Auster novel, A hitch-hiking cardsharp convinces a driver to invest in a high-stake poker game. With James Spader and Mandy Patinkin.

1:00 Backstreet Justice (1993) - a private eye uncovers the link between three murders and is blackmailed into stopping 2:30 Hunter's Blood (1987) - city men on a hunting trip in the South are turned into

the City 19:35 Beyond 2000 20:00 Future Quest, part 2: Greetings 20:30 Peak Performance, part 2: Gymnastics 21:00 Eight On Eight with Yaei Dan 21:45 An Interview with David Bohem 22:40 National Geographic Explorer 23:30 Open University

Cracking the Code; Great Masters SUPER CHANNEL

7:00 The Ticket 7:30 NBC Nightly News with Tom Brokaw 8:00 Today 10:00 European Squawk Box 11:00 European Money Wheel 15:30 CNBC Squawk Box (US) 17:00 Dream Builders 17:30 Company of Animals 18:00 The Site 19:00 National

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and Beyond 20:30 The Bold and

the Reautiful

22:30 Baywatch 23:30 Dynasty 00:30 Fantasy Island 1:30 Oprah Winfrey 2:30 Barnaby Jones

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8:00 Open University 8:00 Kate and Allie 8:30 Oprah Wintrey 9:30 The X-Files 10:30 Senta Barbara 11:30 The Bold and Ptate, part 2 (rpt) 8:30 Travelogue (rpt) 9:00 Big City Metro: Valley - opera by Kurt Weit 10:30 Alpensinfonie by Richard Strauss 11:35 Grand Piano 12:30 Nature on Track Patterns out of

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E CHANNEL 5 6:30 Bodies in Motion 16:00 Bodies in Motion 16:30 Women's National League Basketball final highlights 18:30 Handball: Israel Track, part 2: Ark of vs. Cyprus 20:00 English League Soccer - roundup 21:00 South American

Soccer 22:00 English League Soccer - Leads vs. Blackburn 23:30 Billiards **EUROSPORT**

Country Rally World Cup, Tunisia (rpt) 10:00 Nascar; Winston Cup Series (rpt) 11:00 Stock Car. Indoor World Chamoionshio. France 12:30 Motorcross Kick Magazine
13:30 Eurogoals
14:30 Sailing: Grand
Prix, Australia (rpt) 15:00 Fun Sports

18:00 Soccer: World Cup Qualifying Round 18:00 Tractor Pulling: European Cup 19:00 Wheeles Magazine 19:30 Motorcycling: Portrait of Max Blaggi 20:00 Touring Car: BTTC Race 21:00 Drag Racing 21:30 Boxing: Super Featherweight, Spain

23:30 Rally: Cross-Country Rally World Cup, Tunisia (rpt) 00:00 Soccer: UEFA 1:30 Equestrian: Volvo World Cup, USA

PRIME SPORTS

5:30 Rugby 7:30 Trans World Sport 8:30 Cricket: Sharjah Cup – Zimbabwe vs. Sri Lanka 12:15 Basketball: Philippines Cup pre-

17:00 Cricket: Indian Tour of the West

16:00 Hindi programs 18:30 Star News 19:00 Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em 19:30 Space: Above Show 1:00 Winter Sports 21:00 Santa Barbara 22:00 Star News 1:30 Golf: US PGA

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23:00 European News 23:30 Insight 00:00 World Business Today Update 00:30 World Sport 1:00 World View 2:30 Moneyline

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6:06 Morning Concert 9:05 Scarlatti:

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Symphony no 7; Les Soc Wedding at the Effel Tower; Lehar, Stotz tunes from

operettas 12:00 Light Classical

works by Rossini, Puccini, Mendelssohn, Glazunov, Grieg, Poulanc Satie Hai-

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13:00 Artist of the

Schumann: Dichterfiebe song cycle; Schoenberg: Book of the Hanging

Gardens 14:06 Folk music –

Week – Brigitte Fassbaender.

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12:45 Cricket Sharjah Cup (contd.) 16:30 Equestrian

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BBC WORLD

News on the hour 7:30 Window on Europe 9:30 Hard Talk 10:30 Window on Europe (rpt) 16,15 World Business

23:30 The Clothes 1:00 Asia Today 2:10 Newsnight

E CNN INTERNATIONAL

7:30 Insight 8:30 Moneyfine (rpt) 9:30 World Sport 10:30 Showbiz Today 11:30 CNN Newsroom 14:30 World Sport (rpt) 15:00 Asian News 15:30 Business Asia 16:00 Larry King Live (rpt) 17:30 World Sport (rpt) 18:30 Computer

songs and tunes from Finland, Norway, Sweden, Denmark 15:00 From the Recording Studio -Pectrong Sudo – Dudu Carmel (oboe), Eckhart Lorenzen (vlolin), Zvi Friedel (vlola), Doron Toister (cello), Yael Shahar (vlola), Bach: Trio Constain Eminor for conata in E minor lo viola (orig for violin); Yehezkel Braun: Quartet for oboe, vio-lin, viola and and lo; Britten; Phantasy Quartet op 2; Mozart: Quintet in C minor K406 18:00 My Concert -18:00 New CDs -Mozart: Piano conce to no 25;Gershwin: 3 Preludes in Jazz style; Bernstein: Sonata for clarinet and piano; Webern: 3 short pieces for cello and plano; Miklos Rozsa: Viola concerto; Pavel Haas: Symphony (unfinished) 20:05 From Our Concert Halls -- (1)
Jerusalem Symphony
Orchestra-IBA, cond.
Gary Bertini, Brigitte

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Piano concerto no 1;

Brahms; Symphony no 1. (2) Yuval Trio. Saint-Saens: Trio no 2

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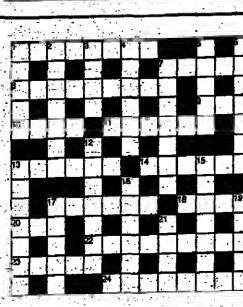
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NEWS

Court asked to open lvry panel's hearings

Military reporters have asked the High Court of Justice to allow them to attend the closed-door hearings of the Ivry Commission investigating the February 4 collision between two transport helicopters that killed 73 servicemen. The panel has finished collecting testimony and is in final deliberations, before submitting its report to Defense Minister Yirzhak Mordechai Arieh O'Sullivan

El Al steward saves boy on flight

An El Al steward on Sunday saved the life of a nine-year-old boy on a flight from Tel Aviv to Dusseldorf, Germany, wheo he succeeded in prying open the boy's jaws, which had locked during an epileptic seizure.

During the seizure, the boy, who was traveling with his mother, stopped breathing and lost consciousness. After determining that there was no doctor on board, steward Effi Cohen attempted to pry open the boy's jaws, and succeeded. The boy then resumed breathing and regained consciousness.

The captain then radioed a company doctor in Israel, who advised that it was safe for the flight to continue to Dusseldorf. Doctors and an ambulance were waiting at the German airport, and took the boy to a hospital.

Netanya boy hurt in fall

A 13-year-old Netanya boy was seriously injured yesterday when he fell into a 5-meter-deep hole at a construction site at the town's seashore. The boy was on his way to the beach with his brother and a group of children when he fell into the hole. The children stopped a passerby, who summoned help. The boy was taken to Beilinson Hospital in Petah Tikva. Police are investigating possible negligence by the contractor, as the children said there were no warning signs posted around the hole.

Clalit strike intensifies

The strike by Kupat Holim Clalit maintenance and administrative workers, launched yesterday, will intensify today, causing cancellations of non-emergency surgery and the closing of reception offices in the bealth fund's affiliated hospitals. The kitchens will provide food only for patients, laundry rooms and warehouses will be closed, and technicians will repair only equipment needed for emergency. The union is demanding additional salary grades promised in 1993. Judy Si Judy Siegel

Pesticide bottles wash ashore

The Environment Ministry issued a warning to the public yesterday, after several bottles believed to contain daugerous pesticide were found washed ashore between Rosh Hanikra and Nahariya. Elik Adler, head of the ministry's maritime and coastal department, urged members of the public to report the discovery of any more of the big white bottles to the police or the department's Haifa office (04-823-1274), and under no circumstances to touch or open them. Ministry workers collected 21 bottles yesterday and sent samples for analysis.

Rotem gives police evidence against Nimrodi

By RAINE MARCUS

Erez Rotem, the former Ma'ariv journalist who gave evideoce to for 12 months after he leaves State Attorney Edna Arbel impli- Ma'ariv. The court issued a tem-Nimrodi and his lawyer Dan Avi- on the issue on Wednesday.

irregularities, was finally summoned to give evideoce to_police yesterday.

plotting to try to appoint Avi- are examining his evidence to estab-Yitzhak as attorney-general. Rolem left or was fired by Ma'ariv at around the same time as he gave evidence to Arbel. Nimrodi and Avi Yitzhak have vehemently denied his allegations.

Sources have said that Rotem is negotiating a job with Yediot Aharonos. Yesterday, Ma'ariv petitioned the Tel Aviv Labor Court to prevent Rotem from joining Yediot, claiming this would be

a hreach of the reporter's contract, which says that he cannot work for a rival newspaper on a similar beat porary injunction and will dehate When the alle-

faced, Ma'ariv wrote Rotem was simtaking ply revenge

Rotem has accused the two of because he was fired. Now police lish if it warrants investigation. Channel I reporter Ayala

Hasson, who first revealed what has come to be known as the Bar-On Affair, was also summoned to give evidence to the police yester-

The police have already said they are waiting for additional evidence before they present the Arbel with recommendations on indictments.

Erbakan to meet Levy

Turkey's Islamist Prime Minister Necmettin Erbakan has decided to meet this morning with Foreign Minister David Levy, who will arrive for a two-day visit to Ankara with a business delegation.

Necmettin, head of the Islamic Welfare Party and a persistent critic of Turkey's ties with Israel, was believed to be wavering or trying to evade the meeting with Levy, and did not respond to requests to meet the Israeli minister. However, last night his office announced that the two leaders would

Israel's Ambassador to Turkey Zvi Elpeleg yesterday accused Erbakan of ignoring his repeated requests over the past three weeks for a meeting with Levy. He said this attitude directly contradicted promises of Erbakan's senior assistants, that they would strive to strengthen the security, commercial

Hadassah

doctors

to strike

today

Uowilling to bend to manage-

ment dictates for a recovery program, doctors at Jerusalem's two Hadassah-University hospitals

will hold a 24-hour warning strike starting at 7 a.m. today – to

The action was announced suddenly yesterday by the Israel

The strike will put the Ein

Kerem and Mt. Scopus hospitals

oo a holiday schedule, requiring

the postponement of non-emergency operations and the shut-

down of outpatient clinics and

diagnostic institutes.

The only services not to be

affected are emergency surgery.

oncology, dialysis and in-vitro fer-

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Organization (HMO), with its

5.000 staffers, has accumulated a

NIS 187 million deficit, much of it

due to circumstances beyond its control. The Health Ministry's

capping procedure limits the hos-

pitals to only a two-percent growth in services each year;

beyond that, the hospital is not

compensated, even though the

increased demand and aging of the

population forces the hospitals to

supply services beyond the limit.

In addition, as tertiary hospitals with an affiliated medical school,

they receive the most difficult cases

from around the country and must

For the first time ever, the gov-ernment has offered to help bail out

Hadassah: it will give it NIS 50m.

- on condition that it reduce its

own costs by an equal amount via

cutbacks. The Hadassah Women's

Organization, which helps support

HMO, has also agreed to increase

The cuts are to include reducing

manpower by attrition; retiring

some older workers at full pen-

sion; reducing subsidies for staff

meals; and a voluntary reduction

of gross pay by 4% (2% net),

except for workers in the lower

The staff cutbacks could lengthen

queues for treatment and reduce the

level of service, although some

hospital sources suggest the hospi-

provide the most advanced

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and political ties between Turkey and Israel.
Officials at Erbakan's office told Renters last

night that the doubts about the meeting might have been linked to the belief that Erbakan's Welfare Party disapproved of ties with Israel. "I think the speculation that the two leaders would not meet came from the idea that the Welfare wing [of the coalition] is not warm towards Israel," the spokesman said.

Foreign Ministry sources hastened to clarify that Levy did not ask for a meeting with Erbakan, and therefore had not been turned down. The Turkish Foreign Ministry, which is in charge of the itinerary as the host, must have asked Erbakan for a meeting, the sources said.

However, they noted that Erbakan's approach is not Turkey's, whose leadership and political elite all welcome the Israeli foreign minister and want to meet him. Moreover, the Turkish chief of staff also asked to meet Levy.

Levy, who will be the first high-ranking Israeli representative to visit Turkey since the change of government in both countries. will be meeting the Turkish president, foreign minister, parliament chairman and opposition chairman, and was invited to address the parliament's foreign affairs com-

In another development Oman has refused to grant entry visas to two Israeli diplomats. AP reported yesterday. The two diplomats barred from Oman were Nissim Ben-Sheetrit, deputy director-general of the Foreign Ministry, and David Zohar, a lower-ranking diplomat, said an official in

"We do not yet know whether Oman will go so far as to close our mission there. So far they have not told us they will," he said.

The decision follows recommendations by the Arab League last month that its member states suspend relations with Israel.



Easy does it

Nineteen-year-old Quan Zhi of the Beijing State Chinese Circus balances six pagodas of liquid-filled glasses topped by a wine glass - and doesn't spill a drop. The international award-winning 35 member troupe of young acrobats, jugglers and magicians, most aged 15 and 16, is here for its debut visit, which will take place throughout the country from April 14 through May 15, bringing with it some acts that have never been seen outside China.

(Text: Helen Kaye; Photo: Ronen Engel/Israel Sun)

SLA, Hizbullah exchange prisoners

By DAVID RUDGE

An exchange of prisoners took place in south Lebanon yesterday when South Lebanese Army commander .Gen. Antoine Lahad released three Hizbullah gunmen from El-Khiyam jail in return for an SLA soldier.

Reports said the exchange deal, under the auspices of the International Committee of the Red Cross, was carried out by the SLA itself without any IDF involvement. According to the reports, the exchange took place near Jezzine

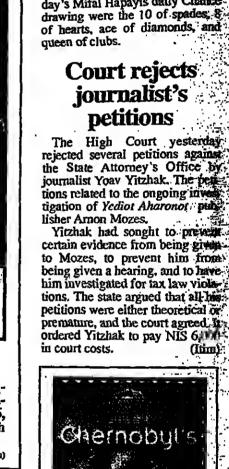
and from there the released SLA soldier, George Khouri, returned to the security zone.

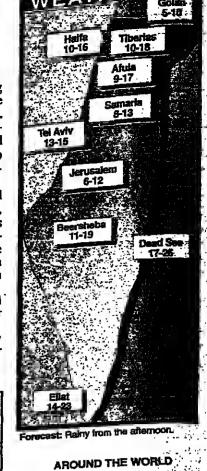
The three Hizbullah activists were identified as Jaafar Ali Hraish and Na'ami Yusef Bazzi, both of Bint J'bail in the security zone, and Mohammed Ali Hazmeh, of Sribin, who had all reportedly been detained in the El-Khiyam jail since 1985.

Reports from Lebanon said that after the exchange the three travelled to Hizbullah's offices in Beirut, where they were met by senior officials of the organization, including deputy leader Sheikh Naim Kassem.

Meanwhile, Lebanese newspapers carried statements by Foreign Minister Faris Bouez, and French and American diplomats, denying reports that Syria has frozen its participation in the Operation Grapes

of Wrath monitoring group. The reports followed the decision of the Arab League Foreign Minister's meeting in Cairo last week to freeze ties with Israel and the fact that Lebanon has not called for a meeting of the monitoring group, despite two recent incidents in which homes were damaged in villages north of the zone.







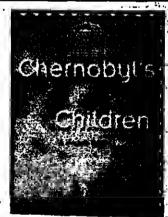
Winning cards

The winning cards in yester-day's Mifal Hapayis daily Chance drawing were the 10 of spades. of hearts, ace of diamonds, and

Court rejects journalist's petitions

The High Court yesterday rejected several petitions against the State Attorney's Office by journalist Yoav Yitzhak. The peations related to the ongoing investigation of Yediot Aharonot pub

certain evidence from being given to Mozes, to prevent him from being given a hearing, and to have him investigated for tax law violations. The state argued that all him petitions were either theoretical or premature, and the court agreed it ordered Yitzhak to pay NIS 6.100



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Stamp issued to commemorate Chernobyl disaster

By MARILYN HENRY

NEW YORK - Eleven years after the worst nuclear accident in history, some 20 nations and UNESCO are issuing a stamp to commemorate Chemobyl and to raise funds to treat children from the "nuclear zone" is the former Soviet Union.

The stamp, which was issued at the United Nations yesterday, bears the slogan A future of health and hope; Chemobyl a decade later," and the logos of UNESCO and the Habad movement's Children of Chemobyl project.

The two organizations initiated the stamp to draw attention to the health of the victims. The incidence of diseases like thyroid cancer is expected to escalate during the second decade after the disaster, officials said. Israel and the US are not among the nations issuing

the stamp, organizers said. Since the April 26, 1986, accident at Chemobyl, the health of hundreds of thousands of children in the contarninated areas of Ukraine, Belarus and western Russia has been endangered.
Habad's Children of Chernobyl project has brought 1,442 children to Israel for care over the past



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